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Exhibition-shooting duo aims for big time

By ALISON ALOISIO

It could be Brady to Branch. "Jerome just says, 'Hey Colin,' and I know something is going in the air," said Colin Micklon.

For exhibition shooters Micklon and Jerome Holt, "something" could be a traditional clay pigeon—or an onion, a charcoal briquette, a hockey puck or whatever else one man may toss in the air for the other to shoot.

Holt, of Bethel, and Micklon, of Fryeburg, are "Team Zespy," the only two-person professional exhibition shooting show in the U.S., according to Holt.

The two men met only a year ago, but since then they have created intricate exhibition routines that include tossing shotguns to each other simultaneously, loading them, and

shooting, all in the three seconds before the clays or other objects hit the ground.

They have developed a reputation impressive enough to earn an invitation to the national "Shot Show" in Las Vegas next month.

'My father got free ammo from the Navy. It was supposed to be dumped overboard, but he got permission to keep it.'

JEROME HOLT
Team Zespy

Holt started at 5, taught by his father, who was a Navy chief gunner's mate, serving in World War II and Viet Nam.

In fact, both Holt and the shooting team are named after his dad's best friend from the Navy—Jerome Zespy.

Holt learned to shoot a va-

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T.R. Dillon logging site said to be 'muddying up' G'wood's Sheepskin Bog

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For Greenwood residents from the top of Rowe Hill south to Hicks Pond the silence of pre-dawn woods with the songbirds gone has been replaced by the rumble of heavy equipment.

And they can expect more of the same through the coming winter.

The sounds are coming from a 520-acre logging operation located just north of the intersections of the Greenwood, Martin and Sheepskin Bog roads.

The parcel (which totals 586 acres) is owned and is being logged by T.R. Dillon Co, a large-scale, often controversial, "timber liquidator" with offices in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

In a 2005 Associated Press article, Katherine Webster wrote: "Dillon's cutting practices in Maine helped inspire a law restricting 'liquidation harvesting,' defined as removing nearly all the commercially valuable timber from a par-

cel. The law, which took effect Jan. 1 [2005], bars owners from selling such land for subdivision."

Webster quotes company owner Thomas Dillon, who at the time was clearcutting thousands of acres in Success, N.H.: "The way of doing business here is you buy the land, you cut it and you sell it, and if that's a timber liquidator, that's exactly what I am."

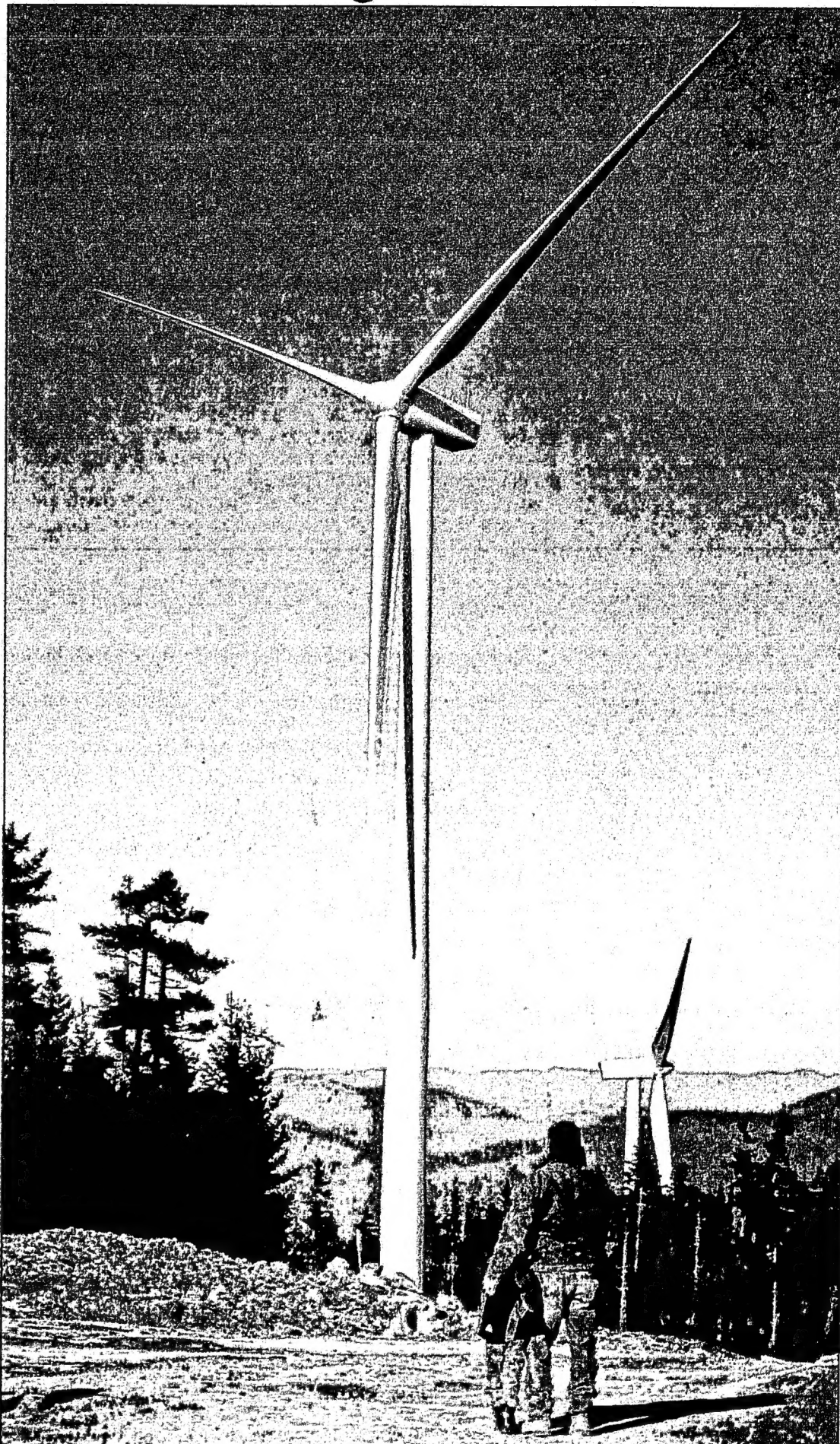
Earlier in the decade, across the border in Maine, Dillon paid \$19,000 in fines, including \$11,500 "for soil disturbance in several streams in Mexico," according to Phyllis Austin, writing in "Maine Environmental News."

Austin quotes Jim Cassida of Maine DEP description of Dillon as "one of a handful of contractors learning the hard way."

'Already muddying up'
Jim St. Germaine, a member of the Greenwood Planning Board, lives across the Martin Road from the parcel be-

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Looking to the future



About 350 people turned out Saturday to tour the new 10-tower Spruce Mountain wind project in Woodstock. Some waited nearly two hours in temperatures in the 30s, but the strong sun and coffee and other refreshments provided kept them in good spirits. They snapped up dozens of souvenir baseball caps sporting the words "Spruce Mountain Wind," provided by Patriot Renewables LLC, the wind-development company. Many said they had watched the tower parts travel through the area during construction, or they lived nearby and could see the towers from their homes, prompting them to come for a closer look. A few voiced surprise that no protesters turned out. The 45-minute tours were conducted with 12-passenger vans that climbed the winding dirt road to the top of Spruce, then stopped at one of the upper towers on the way down, so people could get out. One of the towers was being tested, its rotating blades casting successive, sweeping shadows ("flicker") across the road. Here, a father and son look out over the towers and landscape, which includes, in the distance, a wind farm in Roxbury (to left of foreground tower). The Woodstock project is expected to go online before Christmas. Power will be sold to 13 municipalities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, according to Todd Presson of Patriot Renewables.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Fleas, ticks still biting

By ALISON ALOISIO

Pets and their owners have had a tough year in the battle against fleas and ticks.

And despite the fact that the calendar says "December," the fight may not be over yet.

"It's been a horrendous year for fleas," said Kathy Jo Farren of the Bethel Animal Hospital.

She said that in addition to dogs, cats have had flea problems as well. "It's more unusual for fleas to go on cats, because they groom themselves so much," she said.

Dog groomer Janice Bjorkland, of At Home Pet Grooming, said she has seen an unusually high number of dogs with fleas and ticks recent-

'Fleas have been out of control, even with dogs who have been treated. Normally fleas are gone from dogs by now.'

LAURETTA VARO
Doggy and Kitty Salon

ly. The canines are regularly treated with products that kill the pests, she said.

She saw two badly flea-infested dogs in early November, and, at the end of the month, a cat.

"All the owners were using flea control," she said. She gave several of the animals flea baths.

Ticks were a big problem for one dog that splits its time between Maine and Massachusetts.

"I took 25 ticks off his head," said Bjorkland. "The owners are doing the best they can [to treat them]."

Another treated dog collected seven ticks in two days when the weather warmed after the Thanksgiving snowstorm.

Farren said that one popular topical flea and tick treatment, applied monthly, kills the pests once they bite, but does not repel them.

Lauretta Varo, of the Doggy and Kitty Salon in West Bethel, has also seen problems.

"Fleas have been out of control, even with dogs who have

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Monument committee asks for help with names

By ALISON ALOISIO

A committee working to bring a new, comprehensive veterans' monument to Bethel is asking for help in determining whose names should be on it. The plan calls for including veterans from the Revolutionary War through to present-day conflicts.

To find and validate veterans eligible for inclusion, volunteers with Mundt Allen Legion Post No. 81 have gathered information through the legion post, the Maine Archives in Augusta and other sources.

Over the next few months, the names that have been found will be published in The Citizen, so that residents may review them for accuracy.

Beginning chronologically, the list for one or two wars (depending on the number of names) will be published roughly monthly. The legion volunteers request that area residents check the lists, then contact them with possible additions, deletions or other information.

Currently, the names for all wars total more than 700. (The group is still working on lists for conflicts after Viet Nam.) Other aspects of the project continue to progress, according to Rich Grover, chairman of the organizing committee. The group is currently researching a potential site for the monument.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to the effort may send checks to Mundt Allen Post 81, PO Box 618, Bethel 04217.

For the first list, which covers the American Revolution and the War of 1812, please see Page 5.

Mt. Abram flips off fossil fuels for lodge heating

Mt. Abram Ski Area in Locke Mills has taken delivery of a "D" Energy Box from Maine Energy Systems that will heat the new 5,500-square-foot base lodge using renewable and locally sourced wood pellets. The installation will result in Mt. Abram no longer requiring 12,000 gallons of #2 heating oil per year. The wood pellets originate from Maine grown sources which are certified as sustainably harvested by a third-party agency and will be delivered from a distribution facility six miles from Mt. Abram.

"We've made it clear that environmental leadership is a priority at Mt. Abram. Satisfying our heating needs off the grid and off fossil fuels is a significant step that we're proud of," said General Manager Kevin Rosenberg.

"Working with two Maine-based businesses in the process has been a pleasure and it shows just how much modern ingenuity there is here in Maine."

The "D" Energy Box at Mt. Abram represents the first ski area installation for Maine Energy Systems, the renewable-heating company founded by ski industry pioneer Les Otten in 2008.

"Our systems are not only beneficial to the environment, but to our customers' wallets as well," said Otten. "Eighty percent of Maine heats with oil, which can be double the cost of heating with pellets. It will be a pleasure to see our systems in use in the ski industry here in Maine. The skiing community has much

at stake in energy and environmental evolution."

The lodge structure in place for the coming season is a temporary building produced by the Maine-based Rubb Group.

The structure is 5500 square feet and will house the Loose Boots Lounge & Restaurant, café, general seating, lockers and other resort amenities.

Mt. Abram's previous base lodge burned down after being struck by lightning on July 6, 2011.

The "D" Energy Box will be a district heat system, designed to heat multiple buildings as conditions warrant, including the next permanent structure base lodge.

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NATIVITY CASTING CALL

To the Editor:

It is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways — Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Common by the people of the community. It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords itself, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," as we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals. If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. So, come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be part of this special community expression Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289, Bethel Alliance Church. We'll see everyone on the Bethel Common on the 18th. Merry Christmas!

For more information, call me at 824-2715 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

*Drew Webster
Chair, Living Nativity*

'ALMOST, MAINE' AT TELSTAR

To the Editor:

The Telstar Regional High School Theater Department cordially invites one and all to come enjoy their latest production, "Almost, Maine," performed under the direction of Mr. Tom Coolidge. Performances will be in the Helen C. Berry Auditorium on Dec. 15, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is free, with donations gratefully accepted to benefit this and future productions. Refreshments will be available.

"Almost, Maine" is a romantic comedy set on a cold and snowy winter's night in a remote (and mythical) northern Maine town. The mysteries of the human heart are explored as the townspeople fall in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. The stories brought to life by our student-actors will touch audiences with laughter, heartbreak, and hope.

The show premiered in Portland in 2004, opened off-Broadway in 2005, and has since been produced hundreds of times across the country and overseas. Productions typically sell out and have had extended runs due to the enthusiastic response from audiences as well as critical acclaim from theater insiders. The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., hailed the show as "A charmer. Unexpected magic lingers in the air like someone's breath on a cold winter's night. ALMOST, MAINE aims for the heart by way of the funny bone." Closer to home, the Boston Globe says the show is "truly sweet and charming ... a crowd-pleaser," and the Falmouth Forecaster says of it, "Modest in size, scope and spectacle, but simply dazzling in its comic and emotional impact. I was blown away by [how] this little romantic comedy's deceptive simplicity and surface innocence can be peeled back to reveal so many truths about human nature."

Take a break from the season's hustle and bustle and come be entertained by our talented student cast and crew. Let's pack the house for them and share a laugh while supporting Telstar theater.

*Pat Nasta
For the THS Theater Department*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

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REMINDER: PUBLIC MEETING ON BINGHAM LAND

To the Editor:

This is a reminder of the public meeting about the Bethel Water District/Bingham Trust property that will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Town Office meeting room.

The Bethel Conservation Commission welcomes your attendance. If you are unable to attend, there will be another hearing on Jan. 10, 2012, and written comments can be directed to the Town Office or e-mailed to Jackie Cressy at rivendel@megalink.net.

To help ensure that this property meets the collective needs of the community and becomes a valuable resource for the town, please join us at one of the meetings.

*Jackie Cressy, Kathy Ford, Jessie Seymour Perkins, Jarrod Crockett, Landon Fake
Bethel Conservation Commission*

SETTING PRIORITIES FOR WIND-TOWER FUNDS

To the Editor:

As Woodstock taxpayers may know Patriot Renewables is now well on its way to completing the Spruce Mountain Wind Farm project on Spruce Mountain.

This 10-wind power turbine project will result in additions to the town's financial capabilities. This letter is intended to clarify what this will mean for Woodstock property taxpayers.

Patriot has already written a check to the town in the amount of \$80,000 a one-time contribution that is earmarked "solely for local land conservation purposes."

The voters of Woodstock, at an annual town meeting, will make the final decision on any proposal for the use of this money. We are encouraging residents to bring any proposals they have to either a selectmen's meeting or the town Conservation Commission for their reviews.

The selectmen and the Conservation Commission will be working together to find the best possible intended use for this money.

We will then discuss those issues with residents via either selectmen's meetings and/or public hearing before the annual town meeting.

Secondly, Patriot will be remitting \$20,000 to the town each year, as a required part of the permitting process by the Department of Environmental Protection, as a "tangible benefit."

This money is not earmarked for any particular purpose so it can be used for different, medium-sized projects from year to year.

Suggestions for the use of these funds should be brought to the Selectmen's attention. It is not too soon to be doing this for the 2012 Town Meeting. Whatever use is determined by the selectmen will then be finalized by residents' vote.

Thirdly, because of the large increase in property value due to Patriot's construction of wind towers, there will be a substantial increase in our town valuation, or tax base.

Depending on future mil rates, we will be receiving something on the order of \$400,000 annually, in additional tax revenue, because of this project.

This money will be part of the town's overall tax revenue and can be used in any way the voters at annual town meeting see fit: to take on large projects for municipal improvement or for property tax relief by lowering our mil rate quite noticeably.

This sum of money is a large benefit, and the selectmen particularly request public input on the most beneficial ways to apply it.

We ask residents to let us know their ideas and suggestions, so that together we can compile a list of priorities for budgeting and planning.

We are looking forward to hearing from our townspeople.

*Victor Young, Ronald Deegan, Stephen Bies
Woodstock Board of Selectmen*

SUBTLE, GENTLE HUMOR

To the Editor:

As she surrenders her Locke Mills column, someone should mention that Lorraine Larson wrote with a subtle, gentle humor that may have escaped some of her more casual readers.

We thoroughly enjoyed her columns, particularly her continuing and amusing bouts with balky computers and church projection machines.

We're glad our genial friend Betsey Foster has agreed to succeed Lorraine's Locke Mills reportage.

*Cordy and John Swinton
State College, Penn.*

'WINTER IN ANDOVER LIFE'

To the Editor:

Once more the Andover Library trustees have shown what civic involvement can entail. Following up on their summer extravaganza, "The Forest Creatures," they seemed to have topped it with their "Winter in Andover Life."

Saturday was an occasion for the many children who crowded the downstairs play room, working on crafts taught by Karen Swan, listening to Alaskan tales by Donna Morse, and being intrigued by the magic of Peggy Madigan. There was so much refreshments that bags of treats were sent home with the children.

It looks like the trustees will have a hard time beating this event, but maybe their "Christmas in July" this coming summer will fill that bill.

Congratulations to this civic-minded group for taking their own personal time to help the school kids of Andover and to show what being charitable means.

*Joe Madigan
Andover*

THANKS FOR HELP ON G'WOOD SHORES PROJECT

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the community for helping me with my eagle project, restoring the Greenwood Shores Rest Area.

Specifically, I would like to thank Western Maine Supply for supplying all the materials such as wood, four gallons of stain, several cans of spray paint, and paint brushes. I would also like to thank Keith and Marilyn Hamill at Onedeworks for donating two picnic tables, and Frank Kimball at Tree Co. for cutting the hazard trees. Also the Greenwood Road Crew and Kim Sparks at the Greenwood Town Office.

Without your help, the project would never have happened.

*Justin Stearns
Gould Academy*

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 48

The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

Theresa H. appeared one day from Ohio. I had not seen her for twenty years, nor ever seen her husband and four daughters. Once the amenities were dispensed with and luggage stowed top-side, the conversation rattled on regarding the ills of the U.S., the good life, as smoothly as though we had parted only yesterday. With some guests there is less ease in bridging the gap of the years, a period of semi-awkward fluttering bits of non-personal, unrelated chitchat. The view from the porch is admired which leads to the subject of animals and the first question often is, "Do you see many bears?"

The ordinary citizen walking in the woods is no more likely to meet a bear than he is to meet the ghost of Mahatma Gandhi or a whirling dervish. I have seen bears at Yellowstone Park and in zoos; but the only one I ever saw in Maine was a motherless cub that a game warden had found, brought home, kept in a cage until he was able to fend for himself. He was a dear woolly little creature that one would like to pick up and hug, but the speed with which he could jab out a claw at one too near his cage reminded one that he was not a toy. I discovered that strangers think of bears as a menace like the wolves of wild Russian winter tales. The first time that I answered the question saying, "Oh, seldom; the first months that we lived here we did have a bit of a nuisance with one. We never saw him but did see tracks, feces, and broken limbs on the fruit trees. We wanted to save the trees so had a friend come and set a trap; no prey caught but the damage stopped."

B.B. sensed that to dismiss the subject thus lightly would not do. The confirmed city dweller seems to have more of the residue of primitive man than country folk, an unconscious wish vicariously. So B.B. explained in detail the process of trap setting: digging the hole, using the bait evil-smelling fish, making a covey of old logs, covering with branches necessary for the bear to step over to get the food. Why bears do not approach from the other end is unknown, they never do. I take the cue and relate that I lived with terror all day while B.B. was gone. Who could I ask to come and shoot it, if caught? Would it pull the trap loose from the peg and, wounded and enraged, come and tear me limb from limb? That for bears; but we have had experiences with other animals.

Early one dreary November morning I whispered to B.B. (whispered because we had learned that animals can hear through house walls, closed doors and windows), "Look quickly, down on the corn stubble patch next the woods" We had sold a kidney-front rosewood sofa and bought a binocular which I quickly passed over. "Is that a queer animal or is it a big crow?"

A long, thin, black-furred creature humped along the entire length of the field. It was a fisher cat, a ledge animal just coming back into the area after a twenty years absence. Fishers always moved on to a new hunting ground after decimating the population of porcupines, an animal that lately had troubled us much less than usual. Occasionally a horse on the trail would indicate an alien presence, much looking would finally show one in a tree, but none had been near the buildings for a long time. We only killed them when they persistently indulged their fondness for chewing boards rich in salt accumulated from years of human hands and animal excrement.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nicker

10 years ago: A bottle drive was held to benefit the equipment fund for the star middle and high school cross-country ski teams.

Gary Wight was appointed Newry's new fire chief, effective Jan. 1.

Births: Zachary Cory Tarbox, Emily Caroline Frasers.

Deaths: William A. Slattery, Wilbert J. Gallant, Sr.

20 years ago: State Sen. Jeff Mills, D-Rumford, announced that he would not seek reelection to the Maine State Senate from District 8.

Telstar senior band members Casey Swan, Amy Harlan, Brian Davis, and Matthew Bean performed with the All New England Band under the direction of Dr. Jared Spears.

Births: Coleman William Gross, Robert Owen Wight, Tucker Derstine.

Death: Eugene L. Hoyt.

30 years ago: Prim's Pharmacy, Bethel, was victimized in an armed robbery. The thieves left the store with an estimated \$150.

Births: Nicholas Stephen Katlin, Miranda Lee Crockett, Kasey Jane Mason, Scott Matthew Morse.

Deaths: Mrs. Maude V. Brown, Ivan D. Davenport, Leona G. Van Den Kerckhoven, Paul E. Browne.

40 years ago: The Bethel Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring a Christmas House decorating contest, with prizes donated by the Hearthstone House, Bethel Spa, and Sudbury Inn.

Mike Davis, Randy Littlefield, and Ross Swain from Telstar took on a team from Winslow High School on Channel 8 TV's program High School Quiz.

Births: Lance Arthur Bear, Timothy Alan Corkum.

Deaths: L. Webster Akers, Hamilton Reed Bailey, Homer H. Hamlin, Sr., Mary E. Howard, Lisa Marie Howard.

50 years ago: For the first time in history, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce was preparing to advertise the Bethel area's winter attractions in the Boston area.

60 years ago: The Bethel Players voted to sponsor a skating rink on the Common. Committee in charge was Charles Freeman, Francis Noyes and John Howe.

Maurice McInnis was in serious condition at the CMC Hospital with injuries received when his car left the icy road near the home of Anton Luxton.

Miss Phyllis Smith was chosen Apple Princess to represent Oxford Pomona Grange at State Grange.

Officers of the Bethel Ski and Outing Club were: president, Stanley Davis; vice-president, Richard Young; secretary, Wilbur Myers; treasurer, George Lothrop.

Deaths: Rev. Herbert R. Wallace, Thurman H. Sidelinger, Miss Helen Barrows.

70 years ago: Temperatures ranged around zero during the week.

Walter A. Hawkins of Bridgeton spoke on "The Value of a Sense of Humor" at a meeting of the Bethel Union Teachers at the Gateway House.

Deaths: Miss Mae Wiley, Mrs. George Haines.

80 years ago: Five young people were killed at the Cummings crossing, Norway, when their car was struck by a passenger train. Victims were Francis Rattiga, Douglas Burgess, C. Malcolm Doe, Telma Meggett, and Thelma Conant.

90 years ago: Louis Van Den Kerckhoven was tendered a party on the eve of his departure for Puerto Rico where he entered the employ of the Central Aguirre Sugar Co.

Mrs. Clifford Merrill purchased the Apollo Lunch.

Signs were erected near the Brick School warning motorists to blow their horns.

100 years ago: Marriage: Henry Chesley and Ruby Perkins, Sylvanus Brown and Eva Smith.

Death: Della Morgan.

110 years ago: Ceylon Rowe installed acetylene gas lights in his store.

Moses Mason purchased the Stearns property between the overhead bridge and the toll bridge planning to divide it

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Logging

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"THAT'S A BAD SITUATION," in terms of erosion, a veteran local logger said when shown this photo. He noted particularly the lack of water bars on the newly constructed road to the T.R. Dillon log yard, or of any other apparent effort to contain downslope water flow. A seasoned forester agreed, also noting that this is a bad time of year to construct such roads, given the inevitable fall rains.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

ing logged. He and town Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Cory-Whitman toured the site Tuesday, but stayed near the perimeter, St. Germaine said, because logging was underway at the time.

Dillon's harvest notification indicates that the company does not plan any clearcuts larger than 20 acres on the site, and there were no indications of clearcuts, both St. Germaine and Cory-Whitman told the Citizen.

But, St. Germaine said, silting was evident at several locations along the perimeter, including into Sheepskin Bog itself.

"That's already muddying up," he said, and likely to "muddy up" still further with recent rains.

But Cory-Whitman said: "They don't even have to put up a silt fence, if they're not close enough to another property."

"If they can control their runoff on their property, they're not required by 'best practices.'"

She added, however that she still had research to do on the finer points of logging regulations.

T.R. Dillon also owns and is planning to log another, 91-acre, parcel of land, off Schoolhouse Road, in the Greenwood City area, Town Manager Kim Sparks said.

Confident in contracted help Scott Dillon, vice president of T.R. Dillon, told The Citizen he was confident in his contractor and forester to comply with state regulations.

"I have contracted help that's schooled in this stuff," he said.

"LandVest supervises the job only. I hired the contractor, [Tracy] Gordon, to do the job," Dillon said, "And I believe the Forest Service — they generally go out to the properties anyway."

Fleas

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been treated. Normally fleas are gone from dogs by now," she said.

She attributes the high numbers to an early spring and a warm fall.

Until the ground is frozen hard enough that a shovel won't penetrate the dirt, said Farren, the insects are capable of hopping a ride on a pet.

As a result the BAH is recommending flea and tick treatment into December, she said.

Farren also said there is now a tick-specific treatment available, by prescription only.

Varo has another suggestion. Her neighbor owns Guinea hens, she said, "and they walk all around my yard. I haven't had a tick for two years. I recommend everyone get Guinea hens."

Briefly

Wreath laying Saturday at noon

BETHEL—The second annual laying of wreaths to honor all branches of the service will take place Saturday at noon at the Bethel Civil War Monument on Main Street. The observance coincides with the nationwide "Wreaths Across America" Day. Christmas wreaths are also laid at the individual graves of America's veterans across the U.S. In Bethel, volunteers will place wreaths on veterans' graves at the Riverside Cemetery at 10 a.m. The nationwide observance grew out of a practice begun 20 years ago by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine, which donated wreaths for graves at Arlington National Cemetery.

Newry special town meeting set

NEWRY—Selectmen Monday approved a warrant for a special town meeting on Dec. 19 at 6:30 p. m. at the Town Office. The five-article warrant will address proposed ordinance changes, including such topics as wind power and the establishment of a Conservation Commission.

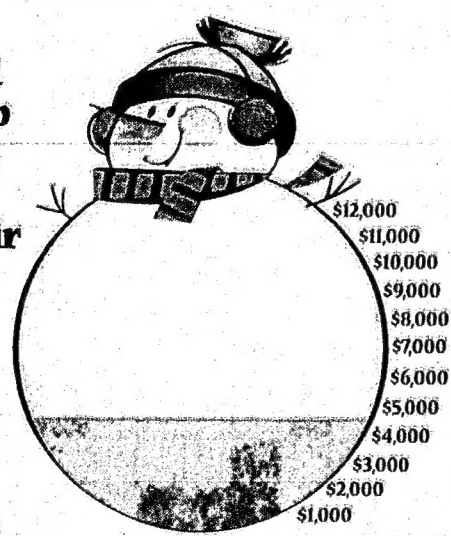
CORRECTION

ROMANS PAINTING—A photo of the new Bethel Planning Office that ran in last week's Citizen should have said the painting was done by Chuck Romans (with an "s") of Romans Painting.

Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$4,100 toward their goal of \$12,000

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 19, 2011, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a License and Entertainment Permit Renewal from The Sudbury Inn of Bethel located at 151 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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Hodgdon Clays® Powder - Was \$24.85,	Now \$19.90
Therma-Cel® - Was \$25.95,	Now \$20.75
Otis Gun Cleaning Kit - Was \$43.95,	Now \$35.15
Savage Axis .243 - Was \$319.95,	Now \$25.95
Crosman 760 Pellet Rifle - Was \$48.95,	Now \$39.15
Exploding Targets - Were \$11.95,	Now \$9.55

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Woodstock Residents

Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2012 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2012 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4, A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2012 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months or older, or within 10 of ownership, must now be licensed.

License fees are \$ 6.00 neutered/spayed
\$11.00 not neutered/spayed
\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence. You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable. A late fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged starting on February 1, 2012.

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Team

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TEAM ZESPY—Above, Colin Micklon (left) and Jerome Holt shoot clays with their guns held upside down. Left, Micklon (left) and Holt. Anyone interested in hiring the team for a show may contact Holt at 381-2291, Micklon at 542-9188, or e-mail TeamZespy@live.com.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)

riety of firearms, including shotguns, Thompson machine guns and 50-caliber machine guns.

"My father got free ammo from the Navy," said Holt. "It was supposed to be dumped overboard, but he got permission to keep it."

The young Holt was a quick study. By 8, he could outshoot some state troopers with their own pistols, he said.

To challenge himself and keep target practice interesting, he made up unusual targets, such as a vitamin pill stuck to a Band Aid at 70 yards distance. Another trick was placing an ax head backwards in a log and shooting at the sharp edge from 40 yards, splitting the bullet on impact.

He continued to shoot as an adult, but much of his time was taken up in establishing the business he operates today, Eagle Earthworks.

Then in 2005 he saw a television show featuring Tom Knapp, a world famous exhibition shooter who was sponsored by the Binelli gun company.

"I watched it and said, 'I can do that,'" said Holt. "I took an old Winchester rifle to L.L. Cote's [in Errol, N.H.] and told them I was looking for a Binelli," he said.

He turned in the 115-year-old rifle for a Binelli shotgun, and started practicing.

Not long after, Knapp did an exhibition at the Kittery Trading Post. Holt attended and met him, and Knapp invited him to participate in the show.

Holt continued his efforts to make contacts in the field. A practice session of three hours can take 1,000 rounds of ammunition, at a cost of about \$320, so finding a sponsor helps a shooter finance his development.

Holt met a Binelli representative and asked him about becoming an exhibition shooter sponsored by the company. He was told Binelli averages a call a week from shooters looking for sponsorships.

"You have to be a great shot, communicate well, and entertain," the rep told him.

Holt kept practicing, and in

2008 set up a couple of small, informal shows on his property.

He also met Binelli exhibition shooter Tim Bradley, helping him set up for a show at L.L. Bean's, and even sharing a tip to help Bradley load his gun faster.

Holt eventually talked his way into an exhibition arrangement with Cabela's of Scarborough, but the plan fell through when his contact there left his job. "I was in limbo for a couple of years," said Holt.

A partnership

Then last year on a job in Lovell, he met Micklon, owner of Micklon Tree and Landscaping.

"We talked about guns, and became good friends right away," said Micklon, who had no experience in trick shooting or shooting exhibitions.

Holt invited him to a shooting event in Scarborough, and talked to him more about the idea of exhibitions. In Micklon Holt saw motivation, determination and ability, along with a desire to constantly improve.

In early winter the two started shooting together.

A shared competitive attitude drove each to try to best the other. "We challenge each other," said Holt.

They worked out routines to interact with each other as they prepared to shoot, aided by the fact that Holt is left-handed and Micklon right.

"We're facing each other all the time," said Holt.

They tossed clays in the air, spinning 360 or 720 degrees before shooting. They tossed the shotguns to each other before loading them. They shot the guns upside down.

Some of their combinations produced 24 shots in 12 seconds.

They also looked for different objects to toss and shoot. Micklon is a golfer, so he tried shooting golf balls, "driving" them 250 yards with the shotgun.

Holt spotted a hockey puck at Micklon's house, and they tried that, shooting it 300 feet straight up in the air.

They even filled a ping pong ball with a powdered sub-

stance that made it explode when hit with shot.

As their routines grew, they started thinking seriously about an exhibition team.

"This spring we began making a push for Team Zespy," said Holt.

They did their first exhibition together July 15, at the Scarborough Fish and Game. They did another in Carrabassett Valley. The pair incorporated "audience request" tricks, which they improvised on the spot.

They're planning other exhibitions for youth organizations.

"We want to get more people involved," said Holt, and particularly teach young people that guns can be used as tools, if safety procedures are correctly followed.

They also hope to generally increase their exposure, to take their routine to the next level.

"As professional shooters, we'd like to go national," Holt said. "There are only 10 or 12 in the country. We are the only ones who are a team. We think that's our niche."

Accomplishing that will require some serious sponsorships. Holt estimates that at that level, the supplies for practice alone costs \$35,000 a year, per shooter. Then there are travel expenses.

They got some good publicity in October, when they were featured in a segment of "Bill Green's Maine," on WCSH 6 television.

Team Zespy's chance to take the next big step will come in mid-January, at the Shot Show in Las Vegas.

"There are 6,100 vendors there. It's by invitation only," said Holt. "We were invited by Binelli."

The pair plans to make 50 DVDs of their routines to distribute, and they are hoping the gun world will take notice.

But whatever happens, Holt and Micklon will always keep in mind what has brought them this far.

"The biggest thing is we have fun," said Holt.

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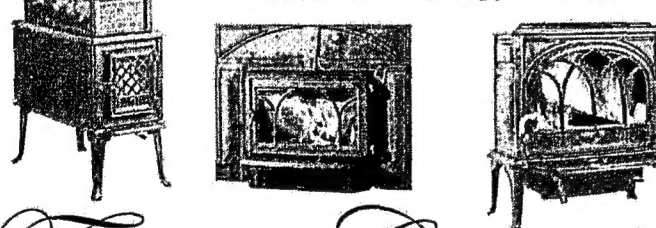
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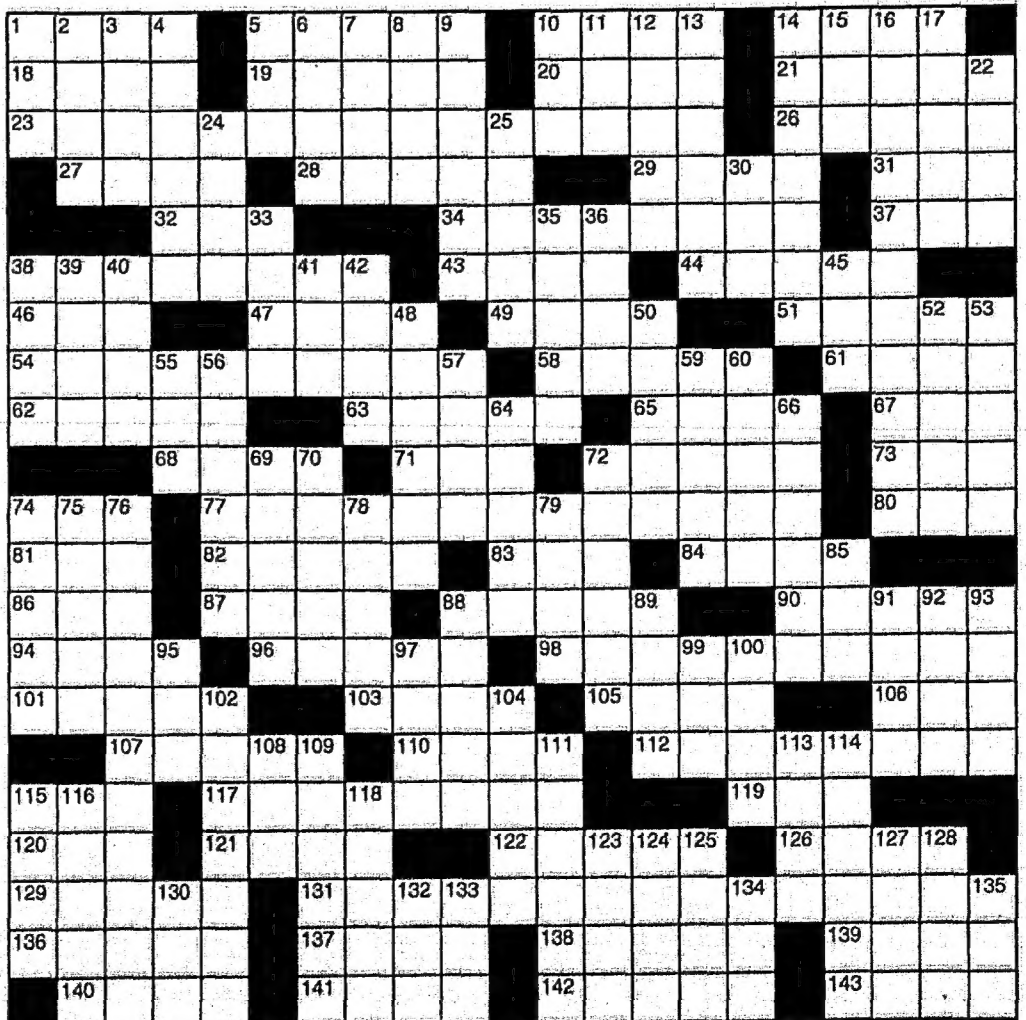
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Bethel-area war veterans' list

The Veteran's Monument Names Committee (VMNC) provided the following names of veterans from the American Revolution and the War of 1812 from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton, Riley and Mason. The VMNC asks that citizens review these names and notify the committee by Jan. 1 of any additions or deletions, or information to be added to this list, along with documentation to back up the request. Listed with each name is the cemetery of burial.

American Revolution April 9, 1775 - April 11, 1783

Abner Abbott, Hunts Corner; Jeremiah Andrews, Bartlett; Capt. Samuel Barker, Grover Hill; Nathan or Jonathan Bartlett, Bartlett Cemetery; Thaddeus Bartlett, Bartlett; Daniel Bean, West Bethel; Jonathan or Nathan Bean, Bartlett; Josiah Bean, Bartlett; David Brooks, Grafton; Lt. Jonathan Clark, Grover Hill; Asa Cummings, Hunts Corner; Ebenezer Eames, Riverside; Sgt. Daniel Gage, Grover Hill; Gen. Amos Hastings, Woodland; Jacob Holt, Hunts Corner; Moses Mason, Riverside; James Mills, Grover Hill; Cpl. Ebenezer Newell, Riverside; Benjamin Russell, Stanley family; Simeon Sanborn, Middle Intervale; James Sprague, cemetery unknown; Esq. Eli Twitchell, Riverside; Deacon Ezra Twitchell, Riverside; Capt. Peter Twitchell, Flat Rd.; Col. John York, Mt. Will; and Capt. Amos Young, E. Bethel.

War of 1812

June 18, 1812 - February 17, 1815

Capt. William Andrews, E. Bethel; Solomon Annas, E. Bethel; Nathaniel Barker, E. Bethel; Capt. Samuel Barker III, Grover Hill; Daniel Bean Jr., Grover Hill; Edmand Bean, Grover Hill; John Bell Jr., Woodland; Esq. Aaron Brown, York; Capt. Norman Clark, Grover Hill; Francis Cummings, Hunts Corner; Ebenezer Eames, Mt. Will; Capt. Luther Eames, Mt. Will; Amos Gage, Grover Hill; Major Peter Grover, Grover Hill; John Harris, Riverside; Capt. Timothy Hastings, Mt. Will; John Ezra Hicks, Songo; Capt. Asa Kimball, E. Bethel; Capt. Hezekiah Moody, E. Bethel; Capt. John Needham, So. Bethel; Capt. George W. Saunders, Hunts Corner; William Shedd, Hunts Corner; Isacc Town, Grover Hill; Samuel Town, Hunts Corner; Capt. Eleazer Twitchell, Grover Hill; Col. Thaddeus Twitchell, Riverside; Col. Isaac Wardwell, Hunts Corner; Joseph H. Waterhouse, Songo; and John Williamson, Middle Intervale.

Please mail or e-mail any changes of information to the following committee members: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, ME 04217; e-mail: carjar95@megalink.net; phone: (207) 357-2772; or Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217; e-mail: rlgx2@megalink.net or call (207) 836-2802.

Community Ski Days announced

NEWRY—Residents of SAD 44 can ski and rent equipment for free at Sunday River Ski Resort on the following days: Dec. 17, Jan. 1, Jan. 29, and March 25. In addition, they may participate for free in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (ages 15+, pre-registration required), and get a 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 29

At 4:31 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson received a report of a child being harassed on the Internet.

At 5:17 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to the Intervale Road for a possible drunk driver. There was no contact.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

At 11:03 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Vernon Street for a report of a door kicked in and the interior of the home damaged.

Thursday, Dec. 1

At 11:30 a.m. a caller reported getting a call about winning a prize, but was asked to send something first. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 7:04 p.m. a caller provided information about a possible criminal act. Cpl. Chance Libby was assigned.

Friday, Dec. 2

At 3:44 p.m. a service technician noticed a burglary at a residence on the Grover Hill Road. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Saturday, Dec. 3

At 1:14 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to Mechanic Street for a report that a vehicle had been stolen from a driveway. The caller believed it may have been taken by two subjects who stayed at the house the prior night.

At 9:42 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to Cross Street for an unwanted subject.

Sunday, Dec. 4

At 7:55 a.m. a caller on Main Street reported someone had broken in and taken a cash register during the night. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 12:51 p.m. a caller on the North Road reported a vehicle weaving and now parked on the side of the road. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Monday, Dec. 5

At 9:04 a.m. a business owner on the Walkers Mills Road reported someone had tried unsuccessfully to gain entry to a business.

At 5:32 p.m. a be-on-the-lookout was issued for a subject involved in an assault.

At 5:57 p.m. a caller asked for an officer to call about a juvenile leaving home without a parent's permission. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Dec. 3, 10:45 a.m.: Stephanie L. Gould, 33, of Greenwood, unauthorized use of motor vehicle/property, by Deputy Willie Nelson on the Greenwood Road, Greenwood.

Dec. 7, 12:45 a.m.: Albert A. Gaudreau Jr., 51, of Bethel, DV assault, by Lt. Tom Harriman on Flat Road, Bethel.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is the season of gift giving when all of us open our hearts and wallets to help those who are in need. Right

now there are animals who need our help. This time of year can be especially hard on animals who don't have adequate medical care, food, or a home. So, if you are looking for a special holiday gift for someone, consider giving a gift in their name to one of the area groups who provide care for animals. Or give a gift from yourself simply because you love animals.

The Second Chance Fund, which is based at the Bethel Animal Hospital, helps pay for surgery for pets whose owners cannot afford the fee. The Second Chance Fund began with donations from the staff at the animal hospital, but the need for this kind of care is great. The fund also helps pay for medical care, food, and shelter for strays who are brought to the animal hospital. The staff helps find homes for these animals. You can give a gift to the fund in memory of someone, in someone's name, or from yourself. Donations can be left at the Bethel Animal Hospital or mailed to the Second Chance Fund, c/o Bethel Animal Hospital, 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217. Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills also needs donations. Responsible Pet Care is a no-kill, nonprofit feline shelter and adoption center

located in Norway. The center provides a safe and loving environment for cats and kittens that have been abandoned or surrendered by their owners. All of the cats and kittens in their care are available for adoption. Recently the center became a holding place for stray dogs from several towns in Oxford County.

Responsible Pet Care sponsors fundraising events year round. This month, they are raffling off an amethyst stone necklace donated by Rochester's Gems in Oxford and a \$40 lottery-ticket wreath with potential winnings of \$253,000. Tickets are on sale at Pawsibilities Gift Shop, next door to the shelter.

Responsible Pet Care constantly needs donations of cat food, litter, blankets, bleach, and money. Items can be dropped off at the shelter at 132 Waterford Road in Norway. Donations can be mailed to Responsible Pet Care, P.O. Box 82, Norway, ME 04268. Visit their website at www.rpc.petfinder.com to see what the shelter does and how you can help.

This is a reminder that dog owners in Bethel, Albany, and Mason need to license their dogs by the end of the year. The fee is \$11 or \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog. Proof of a rabies vaccination is needed. Licenses can be purchased at the Bethel Town Office.

The Rotary Club's annual Senior Luncheon will be held at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 12 noon.

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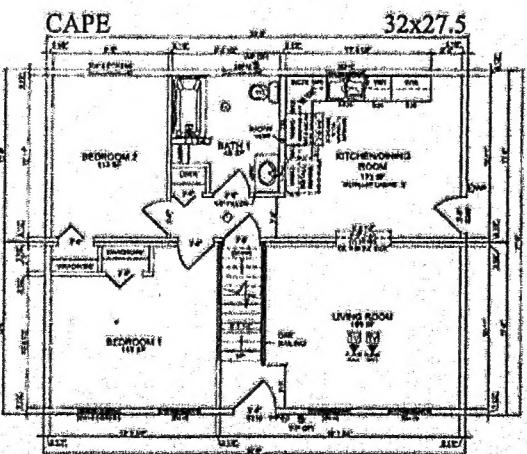
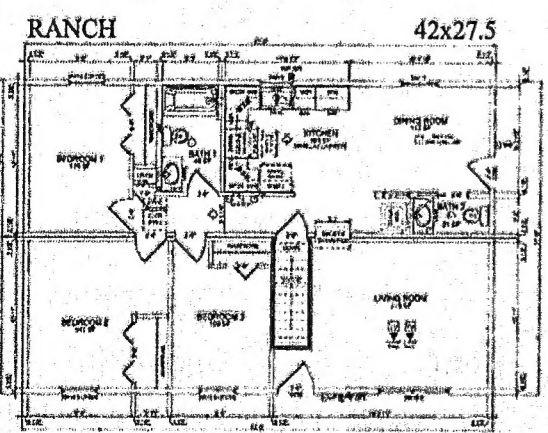
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you'd like to share, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Here we are, starting to count down the days till Christmas, and there is no snow left on the ground.

Personally, I can do without, yet it is a big part of our local economy. Last week there was a nice article in the Lewiston paper about Neil Olson and hope many of you read it. Speaking of Neil, some damage control is in order. It seems we both neglected to mention that Linda cooked the very delicious dinner on Thanksgiving and that Jill and Erick Mills also enjoyed the Holiday with them.

Lee and Jennifer Norris, Ryan Stowell and his fiancé, Katarina, Jarrod and Paige

Crockett celebrated Thanksgiving with their mom, Aline Dupont.

The Alder River Grange will have their meeting on Dec. 9 at Stan Howe's house. The potluck supper starts at 6 p.m. and is followed by the 7 p.m. meeting. Attending members are being asked to either bring some extra cash or non-perishable food to be donated to the Bethel Food Pantry.

Giving to the local Food Pantry is always a good way to help those in need especially this time of the year. I am not sure how many folks know that the fuel assistance program for the poor has been slashed drastically and many families will have a tough time this winter. So, this may also be a way of giving a helping hand to those in need.

Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink with your news, suggestions, questions and whatever else you would like to share.

This week it is time for the answer to the Trivia: East Bethel was wired for electricity in 1929. I would be curious to hear how many homes ac-

tually were able to hook up at the time.

For those who depend on snow for part of their income, I will end this week's writing saying.... THINK SNOW!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Well, most of the snow melted and the weather has been fairly warm for this time of year. I'm sure this won't last long! There are very few birds at the feeder because of the weather.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house this past weekend. I filled him in on who we ran into at Wal-Mart last Thursday.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Community Dinner at the Bethel Alliance Church last week. This dinner is held on the last Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone who would like to attend. They are always looking for volunteers to help with the dinner, too.

Hugh and I were in Oxford Wal-Mart last Thursday and we usually run into someone we know and have not seen for awhile. This day was no different. We were just getting ready to leave when we saw Davis and Sharon Kimball coming through the door. We had a chance to catch up and found out that he is a loyal reader of this column. He made a few comments about the column and had a few questions. Enjoyed the comments and hope I answered the questions. Hello, to Davis and Sharon!

Hugh and I attended the Christmas Party for the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association Friday evening at Oxford Hills High School.

Gilead Historical Society Mary Tyler was at the house last Sunday going over some items for the Gilead Historical Society. The 2013 calendar is coming along just fine.

Bob and Judy Bishop were also at the house last Friday. We caught up on some financial business while they were here.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Back by popular demand a big "Thank you" to the many readers and supporters who have become hopelessly ensnared in the writings of a very busy and often unorganized person such as myself. The feedback is encouraging even when the news is sparse. This weather really has a lot of people talking. Samuel and I spent the better part of an afternoon exploring along the riverbanks and surrounding woods last Saturday. Benny and I had been taking similar exploratory adventures all week so he had no desire to join us and Kaiya, well, she was a bit too eager to stay home, too.

So, Sam and I along with our two dogs, donned our orange safety wear and set out. Our main goal was to soak up as much of nature as we possibly could before the chilly blanket of snow covered us for the season. We have been teased twice so far with snow and then melting. All of my favorite things are covered in the winter, no dirt to dig in for gems and no plants or flowers to grow!

We returned home cold and wet but blissfully happy with much to report about our adventure. We discovered lost brook beds and waterfalls. Our favorite though, was the sun-dappled moss swamp. We stopped and played in the thick, extravagant moss, resting against green-carpeted rocks that were firmly anchored to the earth by the roots of hemlock, spruce and fir perched atop them. Looking back at the pictures we took that day, I found it hard to believe that it was December here in Newry, Maine.

Andover

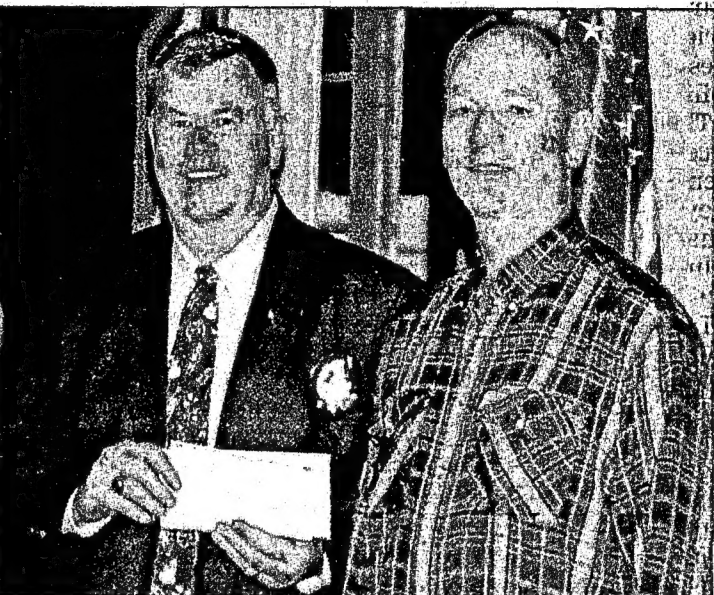
By JANE RICH



At the Selectmen's meeting last Tuesday, the Sno-Valley Sno-Goers asked for a letter of support from the board for a grant they are apply-



SANTA SUNDAY DONATION-Bethel Rotarian Lynn Wilson accepts a check for \$2,200 from Sunday River Ski Resort, the funds raised at the annual Santa Sunday event this past Sunday. The 12th annual event drew 250 skiers and snowboarders to raise money for the Bethel Rotary Club's annual holiday toy drive. To participate, the skiers have to show up in a Santa outfit and donate \$10 or more to the toy drive. Participants skied free for the day, while also receiving another lift ticket good through Dec. 16. (Photo: J. Arizzi)



ROOSTERS DONATES \$5,000-The local restaurant owners, staff and patrons of Rooster's Roadhouse Restaurant & Pub helped to raise funds throughout the year for holiday charities at events such as an annual Oscar's Party, a July 4 Flotilla down the Androscoggin River, and several customer appreciation events. A record-breaking \$5,000 was raised in 2011, and the restaurant's owners, Steve Etheridge and Gary Szpara, recently presented a donation of \$2,500 to support the Bethel Rotary Foundation's "Christmas for Children," and another gift of \$2,500 to the local grassroots charity "Christmas for Families" operated by Nina Wheeler of Bethel. Both charities will help to provide holiday gifts to local children and families in need this year. Etheridge is shown here with Rotarian Dave Murphy. (Photo: J. Arizzi)

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ing for to improve ITS 82-East which would include building three bridges, ditching and other work to make the trail safer. The board voted to do so.

In other action there was a discussion of several properties soon due to be foreclosed because all attempts to notify the owners have failed. The ramp to the Town Office is in need of repair and Dick Merrill volunteered the decking material and along with Gary Marston repaired the ramp this past week.

There was also some discussion about the road conditions during the Thanksgiving week storm.

Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner took full responsibility for the situation, much of which was due to the fact that road surfaces had not yet frozen.

Mike and Sandra Clement entertained recently in honor of her sister, Janice Hill, who celebrated her 75th birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Casey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Casey and friend Cack Bean. Janice is a resident at the Norway Rehabilitation facility.

Those of us who love the deer and know they are often preyed on by what we call coydogs will be glad to here that Dick Bodemer recently eliminated one that weighed 42.5 pounds.

Don't forget Saturday, Dec. 10 is Christmas Day in Andover.

The Fire Station will be full of crafters and Santa will come at 1 p.m. to visit with the children. The hours there are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you want to get an early start on craft shopping come to the First Congregational Church beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing to 1 p.m. There will be food, raffles, greens and crafts and a luncheon beginning at 11 a.m.

Happy birthday on the 9th to Carolyn Merrill and Gary Marston.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Hanover citizens, friends and relatives gathered at the Town Office last Saturday, Dec. 3, for the annual Tree Lighting. Just at 6 p.m. Select Board Chair person welcomed the 28 people gathered there and dedicated this year's tree to four local women who had passed away during the past year including Eunice Powell, Betty Hayden, Bessie Etti and Joan Tucker. Betty Hayden's brother, Bob Brown, donated the tree. Following the introduction the switch was flipped and the tree illuminated.

Next everyone walked

through Hanover Village to the Town House. Participants joined in song from music books provided by John and Paulette Booth. There were a few good singers available to help everyone else carry a tune. After the singing all who came enjoyed most delicious dessert items prepared by the ladies of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library.

Rumford Grange held its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 3 at the home of Butch and Vicki Clark on Ellis River Road. A potluck dinner was enjoyed followed by a gift exchange. It should be noted that the Rumford Center Grange Hall has been closed for the winter season and the Sunday dinners and other events will resume in the spring. Grange meetings will be at the Clark residence during the winter.

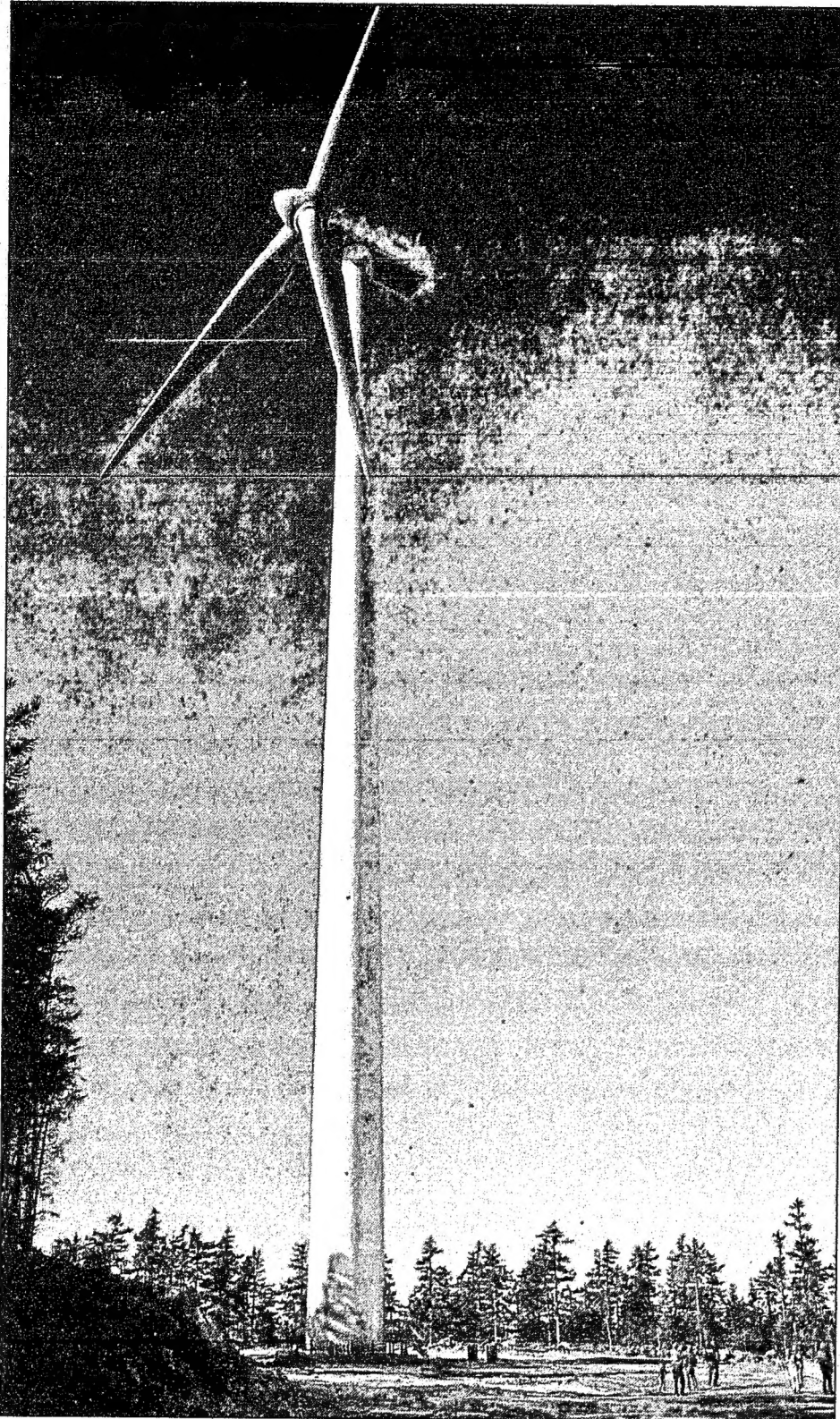
It has been reported that Mike Brown was a successful deer hunter during the muzzleloader-hunting season.

According to Hanover officials the new early pay discount policy appears to be popular with taxpayers. The policy, adopted by voters at the Hanover Annual Town Meeting this year, gives those who pay their tax bill before Dec. 31, 2011, the eligibility of a 2 percent discount on the current year's taxes. Those who do not pay before June 30, 2012, will be subject to interest

on unpaid taxes.

Donna and Clem Worcester and Norma and Freeman Farington went to Brunswick to attend the annual Knights of Pythias Christmas party last Sunday. A potluck dinner was followed by a gift exchange. On the way home Donna and Clem stopped in Oxford to visit their daughter Jenny and son-in-law Matt Tirrell.

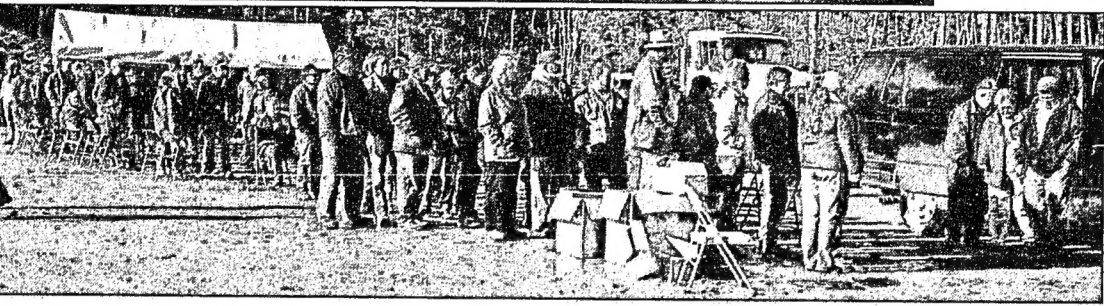
Weekend guests of Donna and Clem Worcester were their son Brian, his wife Sara and twins Shawnee and Makala.



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A wind tower dwarfs the people in the right foreground who took a tour of the Spruce Mountain Wind project in Woodstock Saturday. The towers are 256 feet tall, and the blades, 140 feet long, reach 404 feet at the highest point. Below, 350 people took the tour, waiting in line sometimes more than an hour for a spot on a van.

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Locke Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Greenwood property taxes were due Dec. 1 before interest began to be charged. Town Manager Kim Sparks said

some of the back taxes, from both homeowners and businesses, are being paid but there is still a way to go.

We no longer have a Christmas tree on the village "green" beside the now-closed Round Pond Corner Store. The original tree was severely pruned a few years ago and then the top was cut off. It looked so bad after that that it was cut down. We all miss it. Discussion is being held about putting up a temporary tree (such as we do in our homes) and lighting it. Maybe next spring a permanent fir tree can be planted to once again become a decorated Christmas tree in Locke's Mills. The Legion Hall has their lit tree on the Gore Road.

The unusually warm weather has awakened some plants that should be sleeping. Crocuses are up a quarter inch under the mulch, Irises are pushing up, and I heard that a rhododendron has a blossom open. Every so often we have a warm autumn and this happens to some plants. Then the cold sets in. Somehow the bulbs and plants seem to recover and put on a show of blossoms the following spring.

Warm temperatures have caused Mt. Abram Ski Area to postpone opening until Dec 17. Marcia Smith returned home to Aroostook County after spending two weeks visiting and helping her mother, Lorraine Larson.

Sympathy is extended to longtime Round Pond summer resident Ruth Davis Blakney on the death of her brother Bob Davis.

The ArtReach presentation by our Telstar Middle School students is being held this evening (Dec. 8) from 5 to 8 at Tel-

star. You can see and purchase the students' art plus participate in a live auction of local artisans' work. You can send me news at 3taichi6@gmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club met Saturday morning at the Upton House. Ten members attended. The topics discussed included club insurance, grooming, the paperwork that is required by the state, and past and future trail work. Membership applications are coming in, please keep them coming. More members are always needed and welcome. Come on snow.

The annual Upton Christmas Party was Saturday evening. About thirty people joined in the fun and festivities. The children did a great job. Lexie-ann played "All The Colors Of The Wind," from Pocahontas, on her violin. Bridgette read about poinsettias, how they came to America, and why they became our Christmas flower. Keona performed Jingle Bells on her electric keyboard. Haley, Lotty and Logan recited a Robert Frost poem, "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening." The younger kids, Jes, Jayden and Noah, loved Santa. They sat on his lap, gave him hugs and posed for photos. Thank you Santa for taking time from your busy December schedule. The Ladies Aid made and distributed Christmas stockings for the children and the seniors. One of

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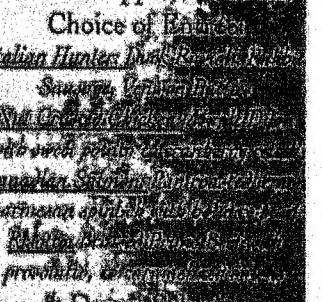

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the trees was decorated with white lights and handmade ornaments that the children hung as one of the party activities. The second tree was decorated with hand-made mittens, gloves and socks. The children could choose a gift from these items. Merry Christmas and thank you to everyone from the Upton Ladies Aid Association. Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail with your news.

Greenwood City



December has now made its arrival once again. We often wonder where the time goes. A year sprints by so rapid just like the little Androscoggin River flows thru Greenwood. January storms bring a bitter winter wonderland, February warms our hearts with the love shared on Valentines Day, March winds whisper spring is almost near, April hops in with the excitement of Easter, May showers seeds of rebirth, June sprouts a summer breeze, July signifies independence across the land, August brings dry days and luscious grass, September harvest calls all school-age kids back, October brings out the ghoulish character beneath us all, November is a colorful time to be thankful, and then there's the month of December, the warmest time of wonder and rejoice a truly wonderful time of year. December can be a real busy time of year with snowstorms in the fore-

cast, holiday shopping rush and traditions to carry on. We often find ourselves swept up in the holiday frenzy. The early snowstorms are a warning of what's to come for we can't hold on to this warm weather for long.

It's nice to see all the holiday decorations displayed across Greenwood. I want everyone to be aware if you are strolling thru Greenwood on 219 to be on the lookout for fallen boulders along the new road work, the rocks fall unexpectedly quite frequently which can make some treacherous driving.

This last week I was much busy with an ill husband; he has bronchitis which made long nights up continuously coughing.

Friday night we enjoyed cookies with Santa. My youngest son was ecstatic to sit on Santa's lap; he embraced him with a warm hug. Christmas is so interesting to him this year. He is right into all the traditional events that we do. On our adventure to cut down the family's Christmas tree he had us all listening to holiday music the whole way. He was very impatient to harvest the tree and when we all agreed on the special one he couldn't take his eyes off it, he was certain it would fall out the back of the truck on the way home. And when it was time to decorate he was grinning from ear to ear. He had the honors of setting the angel upon the top of the tree and his eyes were filled with joy. Saturday my mother and I enjoyed our annual Christmas party together where we make craft ornaments for everyone attending the party and we do a present swap. We enjoyed the time we shared with family and friends.

My thought for the week is: find time for yourself on the calendar today for the gift of tomorrow may not arrive in time. Unwrap the present of joy this season.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Mona, Shiloh and I arrived home safely early in the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 28, after a long and relatively routine drive from Florida. Some observations I observed along the way follow: Gasoline is cheaper in Florida, some places as low as \$3.05/gal. It gradually rises as you travel north, until you reach Maine, where it was still about \$3.50/gal. when we got home. The exception is Connecticut, where gas is usually 20 to 30c/gal. higher than anywhere else, but we didn't stop there to check on this trip!

Also, camping areas are mostly closed during November north of Virginia, but Wal-Mart parking lots are always open (no dump stations, and restrooms are only available when doors are open).

Our GPS doesn't always provide the shortest or fastest route to where you are going, so have a plan beforehand; ours routed us up a non-interstate four-lane highway from Washington, DC, to Gettysburg, Penn., on the way home. (Of course, we had selected an address in Scranton, Penn., in order to make sure we avoided the New York City area). The best way to avoid rush-hour traffic in the DC area is to travel thru there between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Sundays (we

did this both southbound and northbound and found very light traffic). There is also a very nice Wal-Mart parking lot in Laurel, Md., where you can spend the night and get an early start. I-84 in western Connecticut is very busy on Sunday afternoon of Thanksgiving weekend; our two closest traffic calls were on this section of highway. (One careless driver pulling a utility trailer drifted leftward into our travel lane where we were; another pulled into our lane from behind a car parked at the right side of the highway directly in front of us, causing me to squeal the tires braking and to lay on the horn! Doesn't that idiot realize that a vehicle pulling a camper trailer can't stop on a dime?!). The best way home to Bethel from Hartford, Conn., is northbound on I-91 through Vermont rather than I-495 around Boston; a lot less traffic that way. Either way, it's great to be home!

Shiloh proved to be a very good traveler. Most of the time he stayed quietly in the back seat of the truck. When he got restless, he would sit up and place his muzzle along side your neck and blow in your ear, first on my side, then on Mona's. His biggest fault is that he is shedding blond hair by the pound, filling the back seat with it! It was inconvenient trying to keep him cool in the hot/humid Florida much of the time; we usually found shade for the truck, or put him in his cage in the pickup bed, with the truck cap open, so he had fresh air while we shopped or ate in a restaurant.

When we got home, there was still about three inches of wet and very slippery snow on the ground here. This required me to get out my trusty Kubota and logging winch to pull truck and camper up the driveway. Other than that, ev-

erything was cool.

I talked to daughter Anita by phone shortly after we got home to get the latest on their South Dakota goings on. It's been colder there than here in Maine much of the time lately, sometimes as low as zero degrees. Anyhow, she has three-year-old Bryce in pre-school three or four days a week. She said one day Bryce was learning to use scissors to cut shapes out of colored construction paper, and he snipped off some of his teacher's hair! The teacher said it wasn't too bad - just short pieces of the ends! You never know what a three-year old will think of next.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



G'morning dear readers Monday, Dec. 5, and it's a very beautiful, sunny day out there, a bit on the cool side (32 degrees) right now but hope it will warm up as the rest of day goes on.

A country Sunday music show and dance was held in Litchfield yesterday. A good turnout and an awsum warm, sunny day for a long ride and to spend time with friends, neighbors and fellow musicians and entertainers.

Condolences are going out to the families of Annella (Nella) Burnham and Beverly Pellitter. Love and prayers to each family member.

Lolalee & The Country Bandits will be entertaining at the Veterans' Home Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Kendell Hadley is doing better but prayers are still needed for him to get him thru his medical issues.

Yogi cleaned all the bird feeders and refilled with fresh seed, nuts and berry mixture for the winter birds. Am hop-

ing to see Cardinals here this winter along with the chickadees, nut hatches and titmouse. Yogi hung the feeders in line of where I sit so I can watch them as I sit reading, crocheting or working on the computer. I do not use bird seed with corn in it. I do NOT want the squirrels, they are so destructive.

The deer are still plentiful here and love the grazing area; the sensor light goes on and off all night long as they graze throughout the night.

Construction work is winding down for the season - hope it lasts till the first of the year anyway.

The Casino is coming along great and soon it will be up and running and employing lots of local folks, a great help to those who are looking for jobs.

The windmills are up and running. Got some videos of them over the weekend.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and do enjoy this great mild December weather.

Quote of the week: "If you have much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart."

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Whitman Memorial Library program is on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the library. They are making Christmas crafts. "Christmas Angels" will be led by Althea Hathaway and Genneth Berryment. All materials will be provided.

Services at the Baptist Church with Pastor Matthew Jones are Sunday school at 9:25, morning worship at 10:30 and evening service at 6. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30. Looking ahead to Christmas, Christmas Eve will be a candlelight service and Christmas morning there will be a 10:30 morning worship service.

The Daughters of Union Veterans' Judith Grover tent 17 will meet at Alice Hoyt's on Monday, Dec. 12, for a regular meeting and Christmas party. Ken and Alice Hoyt joined sister Leatrice Chase and fam-

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ly at her home for Thanksgiving. There were 24 of us present.

Robert Hoyt visited his parents, Ken and Alice Hoyt, on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Annella Burnham.

The Historical Society represents Woodstock well and Woodstock represents New England well. We can all feel truly at home belonging to the society, do join. Recently a lady from Peru brought some nice photographs to the society.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



After two snowstorms before December it seems odd to hear complaints about the lack of snow, but that is what we hear.

Except for man made, there is little snow and not much activity/work for people in the area who rely on it for their livelihoods.

Not enough visitors and people eating out for restaurant staff and others to make a profit.

That doesn't affect us at the transfer station. We see plenty of visitors probably because there is nothing to do in the afternoons when the snow is melting, so may as well go to the dump. We don't mind.

We have been just as busy as if there were lots of snow. The difference is we do not have to shovel as much; saves our backs.

I have been trying to attend Tai Chi on a semi-regular basis. I missed last week, but expect to go this week.

It can be intense, but it makes me have hope when I see all those folks older than I am who can do it just fine.

Thursdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29 ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library. This is a discussion group and open to all ACA's. FMI please call 739-9115.

Thursday, Dec. 8, Fare Share Commons has a public forum at 7 p.m. on Haiti. Haiti was the first to free the slaves and second self-governing nation in the Western Hemisphere. Now they have a 80 percent jobless rate. It is led by Ken Jones.

FMI call Tom at 743-2183. There will be food and refreshments.

Dec. 10 at Fare Share Commons there is a dinner and auction to benefit Fare Share Market. Tickets available at the market. FMI call 743-9044.

That is all for today. Off to take out Tasha for her late night (9 p.m.) outing. Have a great week and enjoy the warmth while it is here, then the snow when it comes.

HOLIDAY KICKOFFS On Saturday, Santa Claus came to town, first at the Crescent Park Elementary School, and later, on the Bethel Common for the lighting of the Christmas tree. Right, a crowd gathered at Key Bank to start the Jingle Bell Run up Main Street, ahead of Mr. and Mrs. Claus (below) on a BFD fire truck, headed for the Common.



Felicity Indermuehle shares her Christmas wishes with Santa Claus at CPS. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

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Recent area real estate transactions

ANDOVER

Lana Fyrberg to Paula J. Lee of East Andover, land off Farmers Hill Road, Lot 45, \$12,000, Sept. 1, 2011.

Roy and Margaret Howes to Adam W. and Angela E. Shepard of Windham, property at 180 Sawyer Notch Road, \$79,000, Sept. 15, 2011.

BETHEL

Patricia Dooen to Donald and Johanna Lawrence of Bryant Pond, unspecified on Jonathan Clark Lane, \$80,000, Aug. 31, 2011.

Norway Savings Bank to Mary Sweatt of Bethel, unspecified at 755 West Bethel Road, \$55,000, Sept. 15, 2011.

Grover Hill Holdings to Don A. Hatfield Trust U/A of North Hampton, N.H., 1.35 acres at Lot 9, Sparrowhawk Mountain, \$30,000, Sept. 15, 2011.

Grover Hill Holdings LLC to Robert and Barbara Luke of Scarborough, land (Map 1, Lot 41A) on Grover Hill Road, \$35,500, Sept. 15, 2011.

Donald and Lisa Getchell to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., condominium at Eden Ridge, \$132,500, Sept. 16, 2011.

Estate of Wayne D. DuPlessis to Cara Alexaitis of Bethel, land and building at 6 Dumont Circle, \$190,000, Sept. 16, 2011.

Dawn Giroux to Man Tse and Su Chen of Bethel, land and building at 10 Chapman Street, \$196,000, Sept. 23, 2011.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball to David Huard and Jennifer Shaw-Huard of Bethel, land and building at 83 East Bethel Road, \$102,000, Sept. 23, 2011.

Gayland and Dawn Brackett to Kristie Kauf of Albany Township, land and building at 6 Osgood Road, \$126,000, Sept. 23, 2011.

Grover Hill Holdings to Rex and Claudia Bridges of Middletown, R.I., Lot 4 Sunrise Ridge, Will's Way, \$35,500, Sept. 19, 2011.

GREENWOOD

Richard Fournier to Janet Fournier of Oxford, unspecified at 1245 Hicks Land, \$50,000, Sept. 1, 2011.

Philomena Lamb and Emil Dix to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land and building at 144 Hicks Land, \$94,000, Sept. 13, 2011.

Joseph and Carol Finn to Kevin and Doreen Gee of Falmouth, land and building at 32 Forrest Land, \$242,500, Aug. 26, 2011.

NEWRY

Michele M. Levesque to Russell D. and Jamie N. Norris of North Andover, Mass., condominium at 97 Summit Drive, \$5,500, Aug. 25, 2011.

John F. and Christina H. Hennessey to Michael O. Ryan of Pittsfield, Mass., 2.66 acres of land at 63 Appalachian Drive, \$930,000, Aug. 31, 2011.

Kevin G. and Marisa H. Sanville to Corey J. and Jacqueline L. Teguis of Kennebunk, land and building at Map U-2, Lot 3, \$408,500, Aug. 31, 2011.

Samuel S. DiPhilippo to Gregory R. Tucker of Lee, N.H., land and building at 20 Fairway Drive, \$450,000, Sept. 6, 2011.

Mony Hang to David G. North of Center Conway, N.H., land on Keystone Drive, Lot 1-40, \$38,000, Sept. 16, 2011.

Stanley Dillis and Alison Bird to George A. and Kathleen F. Belcher of Westbrook, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive, \$12,000, Sept. 30, 2011.

WOODSTOCK

Linwood Andrews to Linda Risko of Bryant Pond, unspecified at 74 Andrews Road, \$137,000, Sept. 9, 2011.

John Lacer and Nancy Keith to '920 Hartford Ave, LLC' of Johnston, R.I., land and building at 32 Lake View Drive, \$95,000, Sept. 15, 2011.

Jennifer Strickler to Donald Mason of Bryant Pond, unspecified at Map 1, Lot 29, \$3,000, Sept. 20, 2011.

Burton Hathaway to Gregory and Lindsay Luethe of Bryant Pond, land at Map 4, Lot 4, \$21,000, Sept. 22, 2011.

Kathleen Thurlow to Mark Thurlow, land and building at 84 Andrews Road, \$71,000, Sept. 29, 2011.

About the listings:

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates. Timeshares and condominium transfers are not included.

A Healthy Home



(ARA) - Maintaining a healthy home is critical for your family's welfare - especially now as the weather cools and you begin to spend more time indoors. Applying a few simple solutions now will ensure your indoor living environment is safe and healthy for seasons to come.

Reduce toxins

Less desirable weather may make fall and winter seem like an ideal time to tackle your indoor painting projects. However, you need to be mindful of the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in many interior paints and finishes. VOCs are one of the biggest threats to indoor air quality; they include a variety of chemicals, some of which may have both short- and long-term health effects. For indoor jobs, select paint with low or no VOCs to keep your air fresher. Additionally, some houseplants such as ivy and gerbera daisies can help to naturally remove VOCs from your indoor air.

Clean your indoor air

Ragweed and pollen will trigger allergy symptoms for millions of people this fall; however, the worst allergy triggers are often found inside the home. Installing a whole-home air filtration system can help to remove indoor allergens including dust, mildew, pet dander and pollen from the air you breathe. For example, the AccuClean (TM) System by American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning removes up to 99.98 percent of the allergens from your filtered air, so even if it's allergy season outdoors, your indoor air is crisp and clean.

Prevent mold

During the cooler fall and winter months, people tend to seal up their homes and spend more time inside, which traps moisture and humidity - both significant contributors to indoor mold growth. Maintain healthy indoor humidity levels by venting bathrooms and clothes dryers and using an exhaust fan while cooking. Install an air humidifier to provide year-round control of your indoor moisture level, and keep your home at 50 percent humidity or lower to reduce the chance for mold growth.

Watch out for CO

Protect your indoor living environment from carbon monoxide or CO by installing CO detectors or alarms throughout your home. This fall, make sure your home's heating system, including items such as a furnace or heat pump, vents and chimney, are inspected and serviced by a professional contractor. And, if there is a fireplace in your home, open the damper before lighting a fire to help prevent the buildup of potentially poisonous gases inside of your home.

Keep a seasonal routine

Most homeowners already know it's important to test their smoke alarms on a monthly basis, but how often do you change the alarm's batteries? One way to keep track of alarm maintenance is to make battery changing a seasonal activity. For example, beginning this fall, replace the batteries in your smoke alarms (and CO detectors), every time you reset your clocks.

By taking these simple steps now, you'll create a safer and healthier home, allowing your family to relax and enjoy all the delights the fall season has to offer - both outdoors and indoors.

Easy ways to reuse & recycle holiday gift wrap



When it's time to pack away the decorations, take down the tree and haul large bags of trash to the curb. If much of that trash filling garbage bags is discarded wrapping paper, there may be better ways to put the paper to use.

The gift wrap industry earns roughly \$2.6 billion in retail sales each year. Tons of paper trash is generated from the gift wrap people use to conceal gifts for Christmas, Chanukah and other special occasions throughout the year. As much fun as all the different patterns of wrapping paper can be, gift wrap is a relatively unnecessary bit of decor, purchased with the intent of being ripped away and discarded.

There are many ways that wrapping paper can be reused or recycled. Here are a few to think about.

1. Save some scraps of paper to use for children's art project at school and home.
2. Use in scrapbooking or as an inexpensive matting for photos.
3. Wrap other presents in paper that has been preserved well.
4. Shred the paper and use it as filler in packing boxes or as a decorative filling for gift bags.
5. Use bits of paper to make gift tags.
6. Employ origami and use leftover gift wrap as your paper of choice.

7. Line shelves or drawers with the paper to protect surfaces.

8. Make decoupage holiday decorations for next year.

9. Crumple up the paper and use it to stuff into tall boots so they keep their shape.

10. Trace the pattern of an envelope on the paper and cut out your own envelopes for little notes or holiday greetings for next year.

11. Buy a reusable coffee cup that enables you to change the insert. Use a piece of gift wrap to change the design.

12. Cover a holey bulletin board with a piece of gift wrap for a festive look.

13. Find out which types of paper can be collected by curbside recycling and wrap it up with your newspapers.

14. Add some wrapping paper that's free of harmful dyes to your compost heap.

15. Use paper to line a bird cage.

16. Give paper to the kids to play with. Chances are they can come up with many other great ideas.

Top 10 Dream Home Features

If you were given a chance to design a dream home, what features would you choose first? Take a look at the most popular wish list in 2011 from Nudura, a leading firm in building technology:



1. Curb appeal. Home exterior, driveway, and landscaping must attract admiring attention.
2. Concrete and natural stone, rather than wood framing and brick. These homes (nudura.com) are not only beautiful, they are stonger, more sound resistant, and far more energy efficient than wood frames and brick.
3. Maximum energy efficient throughout.
4. Solar panels in the roof to generate a personal energy source.
5. A large, designer kitchen with natural stone countertops and futuristic appliances, cabinetry and waterworks.
6. Natural hardwood flooring like Brazilian cherry and sustainable bamboo.
7. A sunroom, a front porch, and a backyard finished patio.
8. Vessel sinks, or freestanding bowls above the bathroom countertop, accompanied by wall-mounted faucets.
9. Bedroom walk out or balcony.
10. Designer bathtubs and walk-in shower with marble tile, a seating bench and rainfall showerhead.

Plan now for home improvement throughout the year

(ARA) - If you've finished making your holiday gift list, don't put the pen and paper away just yet. While the holidays take up a lot of attention right now, it's also a great time to look a bit further into the future. With the new year just around the corner, planning for home improvement projects now can help you prioritize and budget.

Spending more time indoors at home might be bringing some potential projects to your attention. Maybe you've noticed fraying carpet under your toes, chipped paint on a window frame or a paint color that feels outdated - whatever needs to be

addressed should get marked down on your fix-it list.

Give yourself a deadline for completing the list and then call a household meeting to start prioritizing. One of the most important things you can bring to that meeting is an idea of how much you can afford to spend. Given that the economy is still lagging - and many people are feeling that pull on their pocketbooks - it's wisest to avoid going into debt to accomplish everything you want to do.

Setting a home improvement budget gives you parameters to work within as you weigh the importance of each project on your list. However,

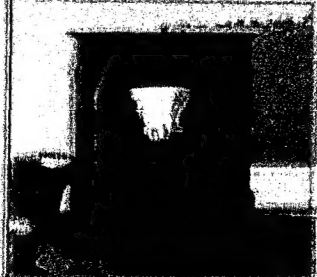
you should also come to the table with a reasonable idea of how much it will cost to complete each of the tasks you want to finish.

Armed with your list and your budgetary figures, go through each item, weighing the pros and cons of both doing it now and letting it wait. You'll inevitably have a lot of options, including putting things off and saving more money throughout the year, or investing some money in repairs now and letting your savings grow for midyear projects. Naturally, you'll also need to consider the constraints of weather on your projects - if you want to put on a new deck, you'll

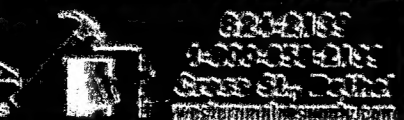
have to wait until at least spring. Consider the fact that an outdoor project might feel a lot more necessary when warmer weather arrives than it does now.

Your long-term plans for your home should also come into play. If you're planning on selling anytime soon, consider carefully whether the projects you plan on doing will pay off at sale time. Additionally, if you plan on catching a buyer's eye, take an objective look at what might help you make the sale. If you're working with a Realtor, you might even want to discuss with them the best fix-ups and repairs within your budget.

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The opening of the new facilities for the District Exchange will be held Friday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the new location. The exchange moved to its new location at 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park housing) during October, and now that the paperwork is completed, the celebration is on.

The exchange provides clean used clothing at reasonable prices. The money raised by the resale of the donated clothing goes to support the area Food Pantry. The pantry, in turn, provides food to families in crisis by referral. Both operations are staffed 100 percent by volunteers.

Refreshments will be provided, volunteers and officers will be there to talk with, and you can check out the pleasant, new location. Clothing donations will be accepted at the opening celebration. Everyone is invited. The new District Exchange space is provided free of charge by Rosa

Scarcelli, owner of Stanford Management which manages Bethel Park.

Democrats potluck

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a Potluck Lunch and Meeting at Crescent Park School in Bethel on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m. Congressman Mike Michaud will be joining the meeting and offering an update.

Additional featured speakers will be U.S. Senate candidate prospects former Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap of Old Town and State Representative Jon Hinck of Portland.

In addition, local incumbent legislators and county officials will attend, along with a number of 2012 candidates and those considering a run for office. Business items will include election of a member of the Maine Democratic State Committee and a member of the Platform Committee, as well as information on the March 2012 caucuses to be held throughout the county. Those attending are asked to

bring a food item to share such as a hot dish, sandwich fixings, salad or dessert item, as well as a canned or packaged donation for the local food pantry. Information about the

Oxford County Democrats is available on Facebook and on www.oxforddems.org, or by calling County Chair Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

NOTE: TELSTAR BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

The basketball schedules printed in last week's Citizen contained errors on dates and locations of games. In addition, after the schedule was printed, THS decided to drop the girls' varsity team for this season and field a J.V. team instead. The change may alter several team schedules. The Citizen will print updated schedules for all the teams if they become available. Until then, schedules can be found at www.edline.net/pages/Telstar_High_School/Athletics_and_Activities/H_S_MS_Sports. The THS teams open their home schedule Friday against Madison, with Girls' J.V. at 4:30 p.m., Boys' J.V. at 6 p.m., and Boys' Varsity at 7:30 p.m.

School Lunch

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Tuesday: Super nachos, meat sauce and cheese over chips, salsa, Sun butter and jelly.
Wednesday: Pizza, caesar salad, whole wheat sugar cookie, Sun butter and jelly.
Thursday: Christmas dinner: roast turkey in gravy, oven roasted potatoes, homemade dinner roll, cranberry sauce, Sun butter and jelly.
Friday: Hot meatball sub w/shredded cheese, cookie, Sun butter and fluff.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

Telstar H.S. Boys J.V. Basketball preview

Returning starters for the boys are seniors Corey Howard (forward) and Danny Whitney (guard). "Team quickness is a strength," said Coach Mark Thurlow. "There is not much size, so rebounding by everyone will be a must. Defense will be the key to our season, because we hope the defense can cause turnovers, which could lead to easy baskets." The rest of the roster: seniors Drew Wilson (forward), Devin Vail (forward), Joey Blanchard (guard); juniors Mitch Sabins (guard), Nick Mills (forward), Dom Haines (guard), Ricky James (forward), Mike Del Duca (forward), David Mason (guard); sophomores Tyler Cherkis (guard), Austin Ryerson (forward), Zack Mills (forward), and Nik Conrad (guard).

Telstar H.S. Girls J.V. Basketball preview

The 2011-2012 Telstar Girls Basketball Team will play only a junior varsity schedule this year. "Returning only four sophomores from last year's varsity team (forward Maisey Griffin, guard/forward Alyssa Brands, guard Jenny Wakefield, and forward/center Savanna Patenaude), and adding 10 freshman, there are no juniors or seniors playing this season," said Coach Mark Kenney. "This is going to be a learning experience for these girls, who will become the future building blocks of the program. Key losses are graduates Emma Davis, Cheyenne Day, and Nicena Walker who were the all-around leaders of last year's team, leading most offensive and defensive categories. Other key losses are junior Jenna Putnam, sophomores Casey Blaszcak, Anna Saucier, Autumn Morin, and Hali Barter to fall sports injuries and choosing to join the work force. Key players to watch are freshmen Annie Cushman and Savanna Pelletier along with the four sophomores with support from the bench." Freshmen on the squad include Shauna Bouchard-Simpson (forward); Annie Cushman (guard/forward); Kayla Waterhouse (guard/forward); Savanna Pelletier (guard); Jessie Kelly (guard); Katie Merrill (guard/forward); Crystelle Head (forward/center); Chelsea Merrill (guard); Sequiera Lavender (forward); and Dora Pilgrim-Guay (forward).

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Youngsters aged 2 to 5 are invited to participate in the Story and Craft Hour, which will concentrate on Christmas and holiday stories and crafts until Christmas Day. Story hour is every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.

The library has recently added more than 60 new titles to its collection. Of special interest this month are the new Christmas titles, including "A Christmas Homecoming" by Anne Perry, "Christmas Wedding" by James Patterson, and "Home for Christmas" by Jan Brett.

If you are pondering what to give someone for Christmas, consider giving a donation in their name to the Bethel Library Association 2011-2012 Annual Giving Campaign. The campaign raises money that funds the library collection, programs, services, building repairs, and the general operation of the library. Starting in the spring, library patrons will be able to access e-books free of charge through the library.

Your gift will help make these things possible. If you would like to make a holiday donation to the Annual Giving Campaign, please send your check to Bethel Library Association, P.O. Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217. You can reach the library at 824-2520.

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ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills

Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday

Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church - Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-3763.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

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EAST STONEHAM

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LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - Rev. Don Coverdale. **Summer:** For weddings call (781) 710-8086. **Winter:** Interdenominational worship, seasonal Christmas Eve

through Easter. Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. at White Cap, second floor.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

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RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

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RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service,

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist

15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854. **Mission Congregational Church** - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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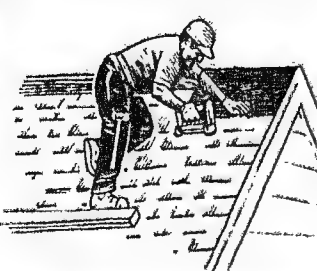
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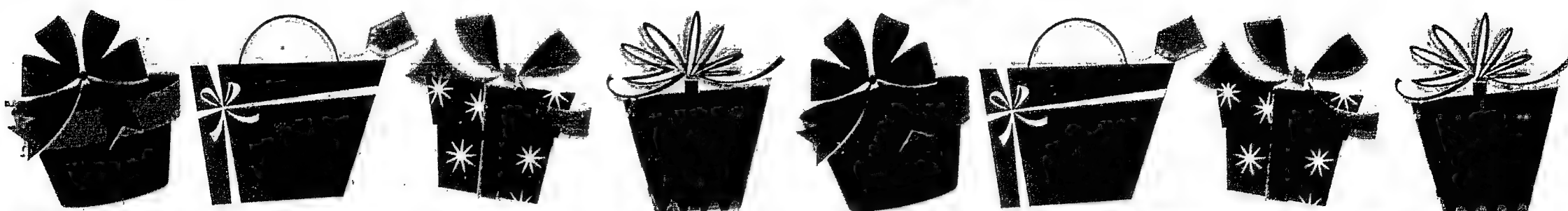
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Ultimate Ski House Tour

Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11

Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club presents the Ultimate Ski House Tour Saturday and Sunday. Help support local snow sport athletes. Experience incredible architecture and breathtaking views by touring some of Sunday River Resort area's finest homes. All homes will be open from 1:00 - 5:30PM on Saturday, and from 11AM - 3PM on Sunday. Pick-up maps the day of the event at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 8 Station Place in Bethel. All proceeds go to the Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club (a 501C-3 non-profit organization) to benefit athletes in competition. Tickets may be purchased on line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/209406 or locally at Dream Realty, Four Seasons Realty, Mahoosuc Realty and Sunday River Real Estate.

Maine Day presented by Bank of Maine

Sunday, December 11

Sunday River loves Maine, and so do our friends at The Bank of Maine. So, it was only natural that we teamed up to offer Maine Day - a opportunity for Maine residents to get out and ski or snowboard (or learn how) at special rates. Sunday, December 11 is officially Maine Day, presented by The Bank of Maine. Maine residents can purchase lift tickets for just \$29, rent skis or a snowboard for just \$20, or sign up for a learn-to-ski or -ride package (that includes lift ticket, rental equipment and a lesson) for just \$39! It's a great way to celebrate the fantastic skiing we have right here in our own backyard. Residents must show proof of residency, and learn-to packages are limited to ages 7+.

Winterfest 2011 at Sunday River Friday-Sunday, December 16-18

Come join the party at Winterfest 2011 where we kick-off the season with a bang for the fourth year in a row. Discounted ski and stay packages and many events will be happening throughout the weekend. FMI call 1-800-543-2754.

The Living Nativity Sunday, December 18

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warm and come to the common on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5:00pm to view this scene performed by local people...and animals. Which new family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year?

Black Diamond Family Entertainment presents: Brent McCoy Comedy that WORKS! Tuesday, December 27

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- 10 oz tube pizza crust
- 8 oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise-type salad dressing
- ½ lettuce head, finely shredded
- 1 tomato, diced
- 3 oz jar bacon bits

Spray a 13"x9" pan with non-stick spray, unroll and press pizza crust to fit pan. Prick with fork, then bake at 425 degrees for about 8 to 9 minutes or until golden; cool. Mix cream cheese and mayonnaise-type salad dressing until smooth. Spread over cooled crust. Top with lettuce, tomato and bacon. Cut into squares. Do not prepare more than 2 to 3 hours in advance.

Garlic-Feta Cheese Spread

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ lb feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ tsp dried marjoram
- ¼ tsp dried dill weed, crumbled
- ¼ tsp dried basil, crumbled
- ¼ tsp dried thyme, crumbled
- ¼ lb cream cheese, softened

Using a fork, mash garlic into a paste; add salt. Using a food processor, blend together Feta cheese, mayonnaise, garlic mixture, herbs and cream cheese. Spoon into a crock and chill, covered, for 2 hours. Makes 1½ cups. Serve with crackers, bagel chips, or slices of pita bread.

Lemon & Dijon Chicken Wings

- 2 lbs frozen chicken wings
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp garlic, minced
- ½ cup margarine

Bake frozen chicken wings in an oiled 13"x9" glass casserole dish at 450 degrees for 1½ hours, just until browned; drain fat. Mix the remaining ingredients together and microwave on medium for 2 minutes or until margarine is melted. Pour sauce mixture over chicken and stir to coat. Return chicken to oven for 30 minutes or more until crispy.

Sparkling Punch

An ice ring really adds shimmer to a punch bowl. Try making one with whole cranberries, lemon and lime slices.

- 1 qt cranberry juice
- 1 qt pineapple juice
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 qts ginger ale, chilled

Combine juices with sugar, stirring well until sugar dissolves. Chill mixture and add ginger ale just before serving. Makes one gallon.

Santa's Snack Mix

- 2 cups crispy corn cereal
- 2 cups crispy wheat cereal
- 2 cups crispy rice cereal
- 2 cups doughnut shaped oat cereal
- 1 cup pretzel sticks
- 1 cup halved pecans
- 6 tsp butter, melted
- 3½ tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1½ tsp seasoned salt
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder

In a gallon plastic zipping bag, mix together cereals, pretzels, and pecans. To melted butter, add Worcestershire sauce and seasonings; stir to mix. Pour in plastic zipping bag, secure bag and shake to coat. Spoon mix on a baking sheet and bake at 250 degrees for one hour; stirring every 15 minutes. Cool and store in an airtight container. Makes 10 cups.



Golden North Pole Nuggets

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- 10 oz pkg peanut butter chips
- 2 tbsp shortening
- 6 oz pkg plain fish shaped crackers
- 1½ cups thin pretzel sticks, broken

Combine chips and shortening in a microwave safe bowl; heat on high setting for 2½ minutes. Remove from microwave; stir in crackers and pretzels. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto wax paper; let stand 30 minutes. Makes 2 dozen.



Tasty White Spinach Pizza

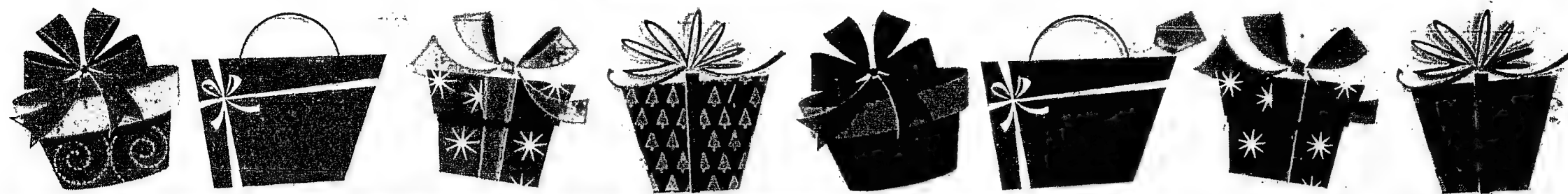
A delicious change from tomato-based pizza

- 1 tbsp garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 cups baby spinach, diced
- 12-inch Italian pizza crust
- ½ cup Alfredo sauce
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 8 oz pkg shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- Optional: mushrooms and green olives with pimientos, diced

Sauté garlic in oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add spinach; cook until spinach is wilted and absorbs oil. Remove from heat. Place pizza crust on a lightly greased baking sheet; spread with Alfredo sauce. Sprinkle half the Parmesan and half the mozzarella over sauce. Top with mushrooms and olives, if using. Sprinkle remaining cheese over mushroom layer; top with spinach. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden. Makes 6 servings.



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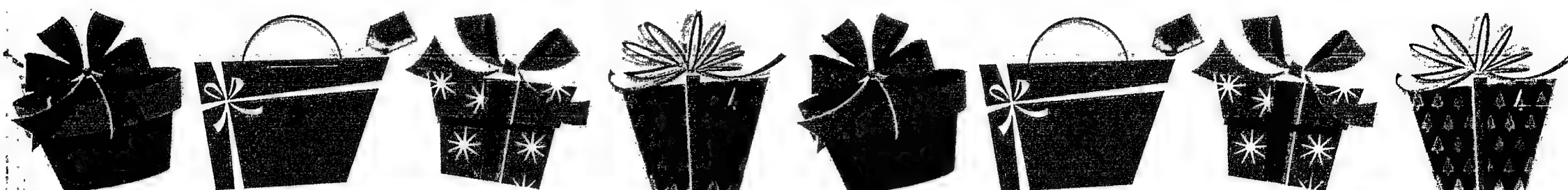
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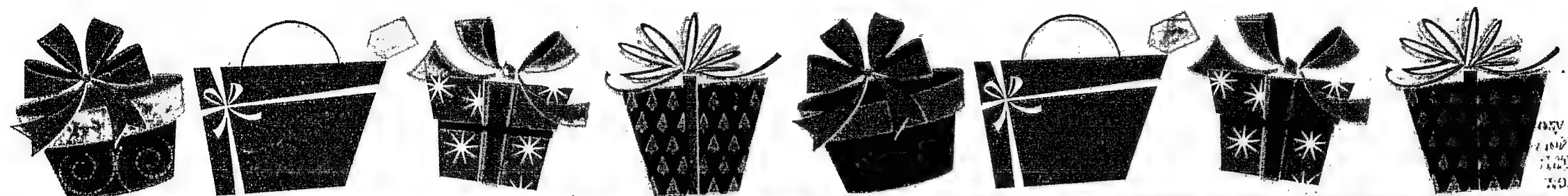
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One Christmas staple that has lost its status as a safety hazard is the poinsettia plant. Poinsettias are a tropical plant that have become a fixture during the Christmas season. It has long been thought that poinsettias are poisonous to people and animals. While there is some toxicity to the plant, it would require the ingestion of hundreds of leaves to get a toxic dose of a plant's poison. Ingestion may simply cause a case of vomiting or diarrhea instead. But poinsettia leaves are said to have an unpleasant taste, so one bite and most children and animals will probably turn away. Perhaps one of the biggest hazards come Christmas -- both then and now -- is not having enough turkey or eggnog to go around for holiday guests!

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Community Calendar

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Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women. FMI/appointment: 743-5993 Ext 6851. Insurances accepted and low-cost help available.

Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org.

Thru Dec. 18

12 to 12:30 - **Nordic Walking**, Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway. Meet at parking area. Bring walking poles if possible, a few available for loan. Dress in layers and wear good walking shoes or hiking boots. FMI: 739-2124.

Tuesdays thru Dec. 20

2 to 3:30 p.m. - **Grief Support Group - Support through Holiday Season** at Harper Conference Center in Ripley Medical Office building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Free but registration required. FMI/register: Robin Green LCSW at 743-1562 ext 6999.

Thursday, Dec. 8

9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Advanced Social Media Making it Work for your Business** workshops at Bethel Inn Resort. Cost: \$25, but \$15 for business that is member of a chamber in Oxford County. Prepayment required. FMI/Register: 824-2282. Space limited.

9 a.m. to Noon - **Annual Christmas Sale**, Ledgeview Living Center, 141 Bethel Road, West Paris. Donations accepted.

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library** Christmas angel craft workshop. Supplies provided. Light refreshments.

3 to 5 p.m. - **Christmas Craft Afternoon** for children 5-12 at Bethel Nazarene Church. FMI/register: Kathy Mason (875-6008) or e-mail cnkmason@megalink.net.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School ArtReach** at Telstar Complex (snow date Dec. 13, same time). Student art exhibit and sale, program of special student performances, and live auction of artworks by local artists. FMI: 824-2136 ext 228 or e-mail precotm@sad44.org.

Friday, Dec. 9

3 to 6 p.m. - **Harvest Gold Gallery**, 1082 Main Street, Center Lovell, Open House and Holiday Book Signing, "Kezar Lake Memoirs" by Catherine Ingram Stone. Wine and cheese. FMI: www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Dec. 9 and 11

St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., presents North Country Chorus Christmas Concerts. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Friday, Dec. 9, Saturday, Dec. 17

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** dances at South Paris Legion Hall. No dance Dec. 24. Adults, \$5.

Saturday, Dec. 10

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Craft Fair** at Andover Fire Station, sponsored by Andover Firemen's Association. For tables call Elaine Mottion 392-1140. Lunch on sale at noon. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf arrive 1 p.m. Crafters may get in 8 a.m. to set up.

Noon - **Second annual laying of wreaths** to honor all branches of the Service, Bethel Civil War Monument, Main Street. Observance will include color guard and coincides with the nationwide Wreaths Across America Day.

4:30 to 7 p.m. - **Polar Express Movie Night**, Telstar gymnasium, hosted by Telstar's Class of 2014. Admission: \$3/

kids 2 and under free. Refreshments and special treats during movie. Participants bring pillow, blanket, your favorite stuffed animal and wear pajamas. Questions: call Ms. Poston or Mrs. Ojeda at 824-2136.

A Christmas Treasury Reader's Theatre and Dinner at Northern Forest Heritage Park, 971 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Holiday Ham Dinner, Logging Camp Cookhouse 5 and 6:30 p.m. Reader's Theatre, Logging Camp Bunkhouse 5 and 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. FMI: (603) 752-7202.

5 p.m. - **Benefit Supper** (ham) for Butch Larson, a 20-plus year member of Paris Fire Department, put on by Paris Fire Department Auxiliary and Paris Fireman's Relief Association at Paris Fire Department, Western Avenue.

6 p.m. - **Tree Lighting** at Bethel Methodist Church. Help light the tree; bulbs \$5 each in honor or in memory of loved one to PO Box 387, Bethel, ME 04217.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Dance Club** Annual Teddy Bear Dance to support Right Start For Kids, a program of Community Concepts in Oxford Hills area. Stuffed animals gratefully accepted. Refreshments. Door prizes. 50/50 drawing. Admission: \$6. Non dancers welcome no charge. Directions to school: Route 26, South Paris, turn at traffic signal between Citgo Station and Rainbow Credit Union opposite Maurice's Restaurant. FMI: Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11

1 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday/11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday - **Ultimate Ski House Tour** Tour 12 most exclusive homes in Sunday River Resort area. Tickets: \$30 day of event at Bethel Area Chamber Office, 6 Station Place, Bethel. All proceeds tax deductible and support local snowsport athletes through Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club, a 502C-3 organization.

Sunday, Dec. 11

12:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** Potluck Lunch/Meeting, Crescent Park School, Bethel. Congressman Mike Michaud will attend. Those attending please bring food item to share, (hot dish, sandwich fixings, salads or dessert item and canned or packaged donation for local food pantry. FMI: www.oxforddems.org, Facebook, or call County Chairman Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center**, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., presents final North Country Chorus Christmas Concert. FMI: (603) 752-1028.

4 p.m. - **Mahosuc Community Band** concert at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Donations accepted. Refreshments following concert.

6 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, 17 Turner Street, Turner, presents "Festive Freakout." Doors open 5:30 p.m. Admission: a non-perishable food item for local food pantries.

Dec. 11, Jan. 1 and 29, March 25

Community Ski Days for SAD44 residents, Sunday River Ski Resort. Ski and rent equipment free. Also, participate for free in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (ages 15-plus). Pre-registration required. 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

Monday, Dec. 12

7 p.m. - **Public Hearing** on Bingham Trust (Water District) land at Bethel Town Office.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

10 a.m. - **Free Workshop, Essentials of College Planning**, hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center for adults 19 and over at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI/Register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://moec.maine.edu>.

Noon - **Senior Christmas Luncheon**, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at American Legion Post 81, Locke Mills.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

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Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

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Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - **Breakfast open to the public** at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Group Road Ride**, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Mountain bike ride**. Meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— **TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

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AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group, Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

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Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

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MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 2 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 4 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness. same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 835-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

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Wednesday, Dec. 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club**, dinner/meeting at Bethel Inn. Dinner will be turkey, etc. Price: \$10.50 members/\$12.50 nonmembers. Reservations must be made before Dec. 7 by calling Caroline (824-3226) or Arlene (824-2877).

Social Media Marketing Workshop - Flyte New Media sponsored by Oxford Hills SCORE and Oxford Hills and Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chambers of Commerce (3-hour program) FMI/time/registration: www.oxfordhillsscore.org under "Workshops and Events" or call 743-0499.

Thursday, Dec. 15

6 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Road, Waterford.

7 p.m. - Join members of BANC at Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House (corner Mason and Broad Street) for a fun, casual event to get to know the organizations working to improve our environment, education, economy, health, and recreational and cultural opportunities. Free appetizers, wine and beer catered by Good Food Store. FMI: www.bethelmainernonprofits.org.

Friday, Dec. 16

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **District Exchange** Grand Opening Celebration, 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park housing). Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. The new District Exchange space is provided free of charge by Rosa Scarcelli, owner of Stanford Management which manages Bethel Park.

7:30 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents Barefoot Truth, eclectic rock band. Tickets: \$18 adults/\$15 seniors (65 plus)/\$10 students may be purchased at Box Office 935-9232 or online: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac. Group discounts available.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 15, 16, 17

7 p.m./2 p.m. Dec. 17 - **"Almost, Maine,"** presented by Telstar Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Sunday, Dec. 18

4 p.m. - **Waterford Library** community gathering on Waterford Common with candle-lit caroling. Refreshments follow at library and season music performed by Backroom Brass. Children may visit with Santa and receive a book gift. Everyone invited.

4 p.m. - **Christmas Cantata "Sing and Shout for Joy"** at Locke Mills Union Church performed by choir of community churches, directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments follow.

5 p.m. - **The Living Nativity** on Bethel Common.

Monday, Dec. 19

10 a.m. - **Free Workshops, Essentials of College Planning**, hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI/Register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://moec.maine.edu>.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge), Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Saturday, Dec. 31

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - **New Year's Eve Dance and Buffet** by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall. \$15 single/\$30 couple. FMI/Reservation: Betty 743-7965.

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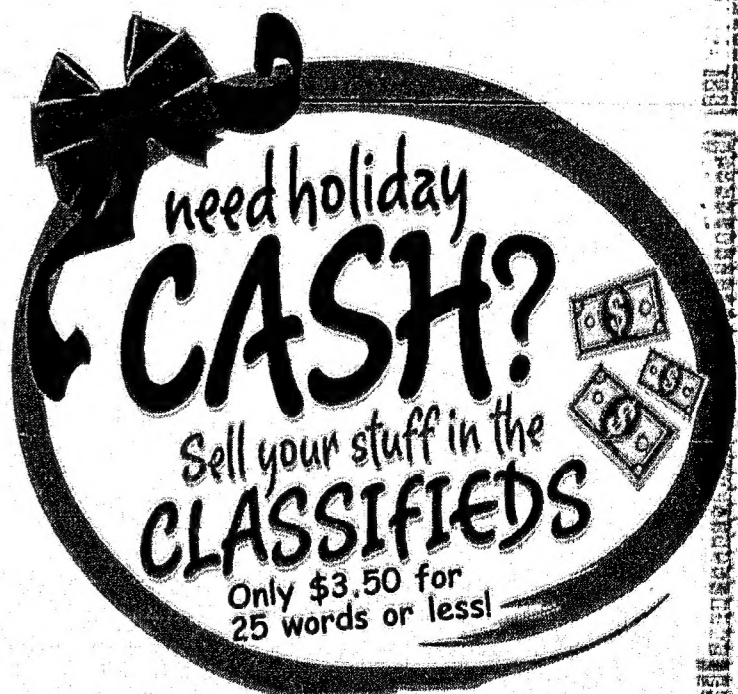
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Obituaries



ANNELLA W. BURNHAM

Annella Burnham (Nella), 90, of South Paris passed into the arms of the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at the home of her daughter, Joyce Howe and her husband Steve.

She was the daughter of Melvin Wilbur and Grace Stratton Wilbur born at home on Nov. 8, 1921 at the historical Coal-ing Station (now Lamoine State Park) in Lamoine. She graduated from Dexter High School in 1939 and married Raymond L. Burnham on March 15, 1941. They lived in Gorham and Otisfield before making Bryant Pond their home for the next 56 years. She made many friends while an employee at Stowell Silk Spool Company and was a devoted homemaker.

She was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church and active in the Woodstock Historical Society. She was also a member of Franklin Grange, Woodstock/Greenwood Senior Citizens, Oxford County Extension, Past President Tri-Town Rescue Auxiliary, West Paris and a den leader for Woodstock Boy Scouts. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, making dried apple

THANK YOU

We'd like to thank everyone who attended and helped make Turkey Tuesday a huge success again this year. Special thanks to American Legion Jackson-Silver Post, Conant Meat and Produce, Sunday River Brewing Company, Sebago Brewing Company, Maine Press, and the Bethel Citizen. A very special thanks to all the volunteers who helped us. We couldn't have done it without you. Our community's generosity raised a truck load of food and almost \$1000 for the District Exchange and Bethel Food Pantry. We hope to see you all next year!

Heather & Dave

A Grateful Thank You From the Family Of Annella Burnham

We wish to give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those who offered support in our recent bereavement. A special thank you to all from Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice who made Mom's stay at home possible.

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She is survived by four children, Larry Burnham and his wife Anita of Buckfield, Joyce Howe and her husband Steve of Bryant Pond, Rodney Burnham and his friend Mary of Greenwood, and Rayann Burnham and her husband Freddy Pinero of Durham, N.C.; a sister, Esther Wilbur Milonas of Cambridge, N.Y.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents: her husband of 56 years, Raymond L. Burnham; an infant daughter, Christine; two brothers, Robert Wilbur and Gorham Wilbur; a beloved granddaughter, Carla Burnham Huff; and her in-laws, Everett and Belva Burnham. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Eastern Cemetery in Gorham. Donations in her memory can be made to the Woodstock Historical Society, c/o Joyce Howe, 37 Felt Road, Bryant Pond, ME 04219 or to the Bryant Pond Baptist Church.

ANTHONY SIGNORETTI

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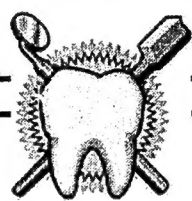
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Births

Sean and Jara Wilson of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Kennedy Rose, born on Nov. 22, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Nancy Gizinski of Lewiston and Catherine Perham and Raymond Hicks of Charlottesville, Va. Great-grandparents, Joe and Peg Perham of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Woody and Ginny Wilson of Oxford, Sharon Cox and Richard Cox of Norway, Vicki Wilson and Mike Gaminon of Auburn. Grea-grandparent is Burna Wilson of West Paris.

Our little one joins sisters, Ashlee, 13, Nadja, 10, Reagan, 3, and brother, Caden, 4

Will and Jessica Wiggins of Auburn announce the birth of their son, Whyllie Myles Wiggins, on Oct. 9, 2011, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Sandra Frye of Bethel and Barbara Wiggins of Lewiston.

Great-grandparent is Elizabeth Meyer of Whitewater, Wis. Whyllie Myles joins his siblings Charlie, Jaylee, Will, Jr., Alannah, Telise and Brianna.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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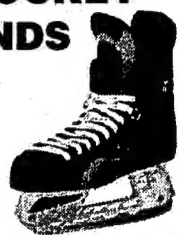
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TOWN OF NEWRY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2011
6:30PM

NEWRY TOWN OFFICE

Shall on ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending the Unified Development Review Ordinance for The Town of Newry, Maine (Standards for Commercial Wind Power Facilities)" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Sections X & XI & XII of the Unified Development Review Ordinance For The Town of Newry" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending the Town of Newry Building Code Ordinance" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled "Conservation Commission Ordinance for the Town of Newry Maine" be enacted?

Super Crossword

Answers

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